

Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics,
CANBERRA.

OFFICIAL STATISTICS,
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.



QUARTERLY SUMMARY
OF
Australian Statistics

Bulletin No. 194. ± December, 1948.

PREPARED UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM
THE RIGHT HONORABLE THE TREASURER

BY

S. R. CARVER,
ACTING COMMONWEALTH STATISTICIAN.

By Authority :

L. F. JOHNSTON, COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PRINTER, CANBERRA.
(Wholly set up and printed in Australia.)

CONTENTS.

	PAGE.
I. POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS—	
Area and Population—States and Territories	3
Births, Deaths and Marriages—Number and Rates	4-6
Migration	6-9
II. PRODUCTION—	
Agricultural—Principal Crops	10, 11
Pastoral—Live Stock and Wool	11
Dairy—Butter and Cheese	12
Meat—Beef, Mutton, Lamb, Pork, Bacon and Ham	12, 13
Mining—Quantities and Values of Principal Minerals Produced	13, 14
Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia	14
State Details	15
Manufacturing Industries	15-17
III. BUILDING—	
Value of New Buildings	18
Number of New Houses	19
Number of New Flats	20
IV. SHIPPING AND COMMERCE—	
Oversea Shipping—Net Tonnage Entered and Cleared—Australia	21
Oversea and Interstate Tonnage of Cargo	21
Oversea and Interstate Shipping—Freight Rates	22, 23
Trade—Direct Oversea Trade of States and Territories	24
Customs and Excise Revenue	25
Imports from and Exports to Chief Countries	26-29
Monthly Exports, Principal Commodities—(a) Export Prices, (b) Quantities	30, 31
Value of Principal Articles—Imports and Exports	32-42
Exports of Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce—Australia	43
States, and Countries to which Exported	44-50
V. FINANCE—	
A. Commonwealth—Consolidated Revenue Fund—Revenue and Expenditure	51, 52
Social Services; General Loan Fund; Public Loans	53
Pensions, Child Endowment, Widows' Pensions, Maternity Allowances and War and Service Pensions	54-56
Income Tax; Land Tax; Estate Duty	57
Sales Tax—Sales and Tax Payable	58
B. State—Revenues and Expenditures	59
Net Loan Expenditure; Public Debt and Interest	60
C. Commonwealth and State—Revenue and Expenditure	61
Net Loan Expenditure on Works	61
Taxation	62
Public Debt and Interest	63, 64
D. Banking—Cheque-Paying Banks	65, 66
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—General Banking Business	67
Nine Australian Trading Banks	67
Commonwealth Bank of Australia—Central Banking Business	67
Debits to Customers' Accounts; Bank Clearing Houses	68
Savings Banks—Deposits; Commonwealth Savings Bank—Deposits	69
E. Note Issue—Commonwealth Notes Outstanding	69
VI. RAILWAYS, AVIATION, MOTOR VEHICLES AND WIRELESS—	
A. RAILWAYS; B. CIVIL AVIATION; C. TELEPHONES; D. MOTOR VEHICLES; E. WIRELESS 70-75	
VII. LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS—	
Trade Unions—Number and Membership	76
Unemployment in Trade Unions	76, 77
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits	78
Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment—Australia	79
States	80
Employment in Factories—States	81
Retail Stores—States	81
Industrial Disputes	82
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings	83
Wage Rates and Index-Numbers	84, 85
Basic Wage Rates and Awards, Determinations and Agreements	86
VIII. RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING, ETC.—	
Retail Price Index-Numbers—Capital Cities	87
Principal Towns	88-90
"C" Series Group Index-numbers	91
Average Retail Prices and House Rents in Principal Towns	92-97
IX. WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—	
Melbourne	98
Basic Materials and Foodstuffs	99
Primary Production	100
Export	101
X. MISCELLANEOUS—	
Comparative Index-Numbers—Base 1911	102
Statistical Summary, Australia, from 1881	103, 104

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

3

Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics. AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding full-blood Aboriginals).						Capital Cities, Census, 30th June 1947 (Final Count).	
		Census—30th June, 1947 (Final Count).			Estimated—30th June, 1948.				
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.		
N.S.W. . .	309,433	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	1,513,563	1,511,756	3,025,319	1,484,004	
Victoria . . .	87,884	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,031,263	1,059,405	2,090,668	1,226,409	
Q'land . . .	670,500	567,471	538,944	1,106,415	577,572	549,744	1,127,316	402,030	
S. Aust. . .	380,070	320,031	326,042	646,073	327,237	330,787	658,024	382,454	
W. Aust. . .	975,920	258,076	244,404	502,480	264,458	250,844	515,302	272,528	
Tasmania . . .	26,215	129,244	127,834	257,078	133,374	128,990	262,364	76,534	
N. Terr. . .	523,620	7,378	3,490	10,868	8,154	4,304	12,458	2,538	
A.C.T. . .	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	10,502	8,276	18,778	15,156	
Australia	2,974,581	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	3,866,123	3,844,106	7,710,229	3,861,653	

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.(a)

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	(b)	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	(b)	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,487	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938c	2,737,571	1,871,067	1,005,378	595,830	466,758	242,149	5,739	11,721	6,936,213
1940c	2,791,355	1,914,813	1,031,236	599,029	474,154	244,044	8,977	14,156	7,077,764
1944c	2,901,431	1,998,320	1,068,123	623,131	484,917	246,892	10,469	14,605	7,347,888
1945c	2,933,436	2,015,583	1,084,758	631,012	490,256	250,281	10,540	15,432	7,431,298
1946c	2,962,932	2,040,281	1,096,683	640,552	497,177	254,599	10,636	16,386	7,519,246
1947	3,007,582	2,061,689	1,110,821	653,065	508,881	268,515	10,991	17,084	7,638,628

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.
(c) Subject to revision in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. These figures have been adjusted on the basis of the preliminary results only.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
Year ended 30th June.									

1939a	2,735,778	1,872,253	1,008,062	595,119	466,970	237,667	5,942	11,965	6,933,756
1945a	2,901,849	1,998,575	1,068,503	623,207	484,866	246,975	10,469	14,605	7,349,049
1946a	2,932,806	2,015,670	1,084,019	631,050	490,151	250,313	10,530	15,431	7,429,970
1947a	2,963,621	2,039,875	1,097,168	640,489	497,219	254,583	10,671	16,383	7,520,009
1948	3,006,481	2,069,167	1,112,722	652,285	508,860	261,781	11,310	17,596	7,640,202

Year ended 31st December.

1938a	2,722,722	1,865,216	1,001,866	593,231	463,874	236,353	5,812	11,534	6,900,608
1944a	2,886,576	1,990,192	1,061,325	619,496	481,630	245,623	10,432	14,198	7,309,472
1945a	2,917,823	2,007,083	1,076,498	627,221	487,667	248,598	10,505	15,012	7,390,407
1946a	2,945,724	2,025,976	1,090,123	635,260	492,959	252,207	10,561	15,885	7,468,695
1947a	2,985,315	2,053,867	1,105,296	646,352	503,069	257,797	10,889	16,904	7,579,489

(a) Subject to revision in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. The figures have been adjusted on the basis of the preliminary results only.

NOTE.—The population estimates from 1939 until the Census of 30th June, 1947, include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, prisoners of war and internees from overseas. As from the 30th June, 1947, the population figures include defence personnel in Australia according to their actual location and are exclusive of members of the forces overseas.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

New South Wales	8,680	8,348	17,028	5,040	3,963	9,003	6,678
Victoria..	5,829	5,559	11,388	3,500	3,172	6,672	4,174
Queensland ..	3,759	3,538	7,297	1,898	1,363	3,261	2,274
South Australia ..	1,701	1,620	3,321	1,055	845	1,900	1,438
Western Australia	1,719	1,566	3,285	768	541	1,309	1,062
Tasmania ..	916	881	1,797	400	339	739	541
Northern Territory	31	36	67	15	3	18	31
Australian Capital Territory ..	91	74	165	24	12	36	31
Australia ..	22,726	21,622	44,348	12,700	10,238	22,938	16,229

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1948.

New South Wales	26,014	24,679	50,693	13,229	10,406	23,635	22,084
Victoria..	17,415	16,671	34,086	8,637	7,770	16,407	14,555
Queensland ..	10,977	10,287	21,264	4,743	3,339	8,082	7,494
South Australia ..	5,844	5,480	11,324	2,721	2,297	5,018	4,962
Western Australia	5,002	4,647	9,649	2,143	1,436	3,579	3,785
Tasmania ..	2,664	2,550	5,214	1,068	874	1,942	1,801
Northern Territory	105	112	217	35	11	46	79
Australian Capital Territory ..	262	262	524	57	31	88	103
Australia ..	68,283	64,688	132,971	32,633	26,164	58,797	54,863

State or Territory.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	Nine months ended 30th September—	
					1947.	1948.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	47,319	61,662	67,247	69,398	53,075	50,693
Victoria ..	..	30,344	41,200	46,693	47,366	35,709	34,086
Queensland ..	..	18,992	26,713	27,024	28,358	21,881	21,264
South Australia ..	..	9,410	14,033	15,813	16,317	12,449	11,324
Western Australia..	..	9,141	10,672	12,105	12,874	9,799	9,649
Tasmania ..	..	4,907	5,785	6,847	7,140	5,443	5,214
Northern Territory ..	..	102	90	132	276	212	217
Australian Capital Territory		200	405	518	655	475	524
Australia ..	..	120,415	160,560	176,379	182,384	139,043	132,971

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	Nine months ended 30th September—	
					1947.	1948.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(b)
New South Wales	17.38	21.13	22.83	23.24	23.71
Victoria	16.27	20.53	23.05	23.06	23.17
Queensland	18.96	24.81	24.79	25.66	26.37
South Australia	15.86	22.37	24.89	25.24	25.69
Western Australia	19.71	21.88	24.56	25.59	26.00
Tasmania	20.76	23.27	27.15	27.70	28.23
Northern Territory	17.55	8.57	12.50	25.32	26.00
Australian Capital Territory		17.34	26.98	32.61	38.75	37.46
Australia	17.45	21.73	23.62	24.06	24.46
						22.99

(a) Population figures prior to 30th June, 1947, are subject to revision in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. They have been adjusted on the basis of the preliminary results only.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS (a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	26,105	26,994	28,579	28,449	21,568	23,635
Victoria ..	..	18,955	20,496	21,534	21,442	15,929	16,407
Queensland ..	..	9,201	9,459	10,648	10,116	7,762	8,082
South Australia ..	..	5,539	6,049	6,461	6,215	4,688	5,018
Western Australia ..	..	4,234	4,712	4,753	4,723	3,495	3,579
Tasmania ..	..	2,288	2,413	2,549	2,363	1,821	1,942
Northern Territory ..	..	69	35	55	65	50	46
Australian Capital Territory		60	73	82	95	69	88
Australia ..	..	66,451	70,231	74,661	73,468	55,382	58,797

(a) Excludes, for the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

		(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(b)
New South Wales ..	..	9.59	9.25	9.70	9.53	9.63	10.42
Victoria ..	..	10.16	10.21	10.63	10.44	10.34	10.46
Queensland ..	..	9.18	8.79	9.77	9.15	9.35	9.56
South Australia ..	..	9.34	9.64	10.17	9.62	9.67	10.17
Western Australia ..	..	9.13	9.66	9.64	9.39	9.27	9.26
Tasmania ..	..	9.68	9.71	10.11	9.17	9.44	9.87
Northern Territory ..	..	11.87	3.33	5.21	5.96	6.13	4.92
Australian Capital Territory		5.20	4.86	5.16	5.62	5.44	6.25
Australia ..	..	9.63	9.50	10.00	9.69	9.74	10.17

(a) Population figures prior to 30th June, 1947, are subject to revision in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. They have been adjusted on the basis of the preliminary results only.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	24,579	25,283	31,684	30,172	22,095	22,084
Victoria ..	..	17,113	16,501	21,405	20,437	14,733	14,555
Queensland ..	..	8,853	9,905	11,666	10,999	8,115	7,494
South Australia ..	..	5,489	5,321	6,700	6,668	4,932	4,962
Western Australia ..	..	4,153	3,788	5,171	5,282	3,903	3,785
Tasmania ..	..	2,082	1,868	2,650	2,584	1,906	1,801
Northern Territory ..	..	67	48	63	124	101	79
Australian Capital Territory		75	108	157	191	140	103
Australia ..	..	62,411	62,822	79,496	76,457	55,925	54,863

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	Nine months ended 30th September—	
					1947.	1948.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
New South Wales ..	9.03	8.67	10.76	10.11	9.87	9.73
Victoria ..	9.17	8.22	10.57	9.95	9.56	9.28
Queensland ..	8.84	9.20	10.70	9.95	9.78	8.86
South Australia ..	9.25	8.48	10.55	10.32	10.18	10.05
Western Australia ..	8.95	7.77	10.49	10.50	10.36	9.79
Tasmania ..	8.81	7.51	10.51	10.02	9.89	9.15
Northern Territory ..	11.53	4.57	5.97	11.39	12.39	8.46
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	7.19	9.88	11.30	11.04	7.31
Australia ..	9.04	8.50	10.64	10.09	9.84	9.49

(a) Population figures prior to 30th June, 1947, are subject to revision in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. They have been adjusted on the basis of the preliminary results only.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	1,889	2,032	2,069	1,592	1,558
Victoria ..	1,038	1,155	1,268	1,245	927	813
Queensland ..	784	795	791	874	693	607
South Australia ..	287	394	428	396	303	334
Western Australia ..	309	315	376	398	302	254
Tasmania ..	195	159	207	195	152	140
Northern Territory ..	6	5	4	12	8	6
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	5	10	13	11	15
Australia ..	4,607	4,717	5,116	5,202	3,988	3,727

INFANTILE MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	30.63	30.22	29.81	30.00	30.73
Victoria ..	34.21	28.03	27.16	26.28	25.96	23.85
Queensland ..	41.28	29.76	29.27	30.82	31.67	28.55
South Australia ..	30.50	28.08	27.07	24.27	24.34	29.49
Western Australia ..	33.80	29.52	31.06	30.92	30.82	26.32
Tasmania ..	39.74	27.48	30.23	27.31	27.93	26.85
Northern Territory ..	58.82	55.56	30.30	43.48	37.74	27.65
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	12.35	19.31	19.85	23.16	28.63
Australia ..	38.26	29.38	29.01	28.52	28.68	28.03

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933, are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals.			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	- 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1943 ..	3,931	2,194	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	- 2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	- 2,629
1946 ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,081	26,957	50,038	- 15,148
1947 ..	39,865	27,903	67,768	31,289	25,868	57,157	10,611
1947 (nine months)	25,694	18,811	44,505	23,008	19,000	42,008	2,497
1948 (nine months)	46,081	33,866	79,947	26,248	20,534	46,782	33,165

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939, to June, 1947.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently according to Nationality and Racial Origin.

Nationality and Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.		Australian Residents Departing Permanently—	
	Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September—	Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September—
		1947.		1948.

NATIONALITY.(b)

British .. .	12,460	15,434	30,914	4,342	13,132	11,282
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) .. .	244			101		
Austrian .. .	21			5		
Chinese .. .	132			79		
Czechoslovak .. .	187			4		
Dutch .. .	129			45		
Estonian .. .	150			1		
French .. .	32			14		
German .. .	47	5,696	13,699	13	2,191	2,481
Greek .. .	221			5		
Hungarian .. .	58			1		
Italian .. .	376			105		
Latvian .. .	468			..		
Lithuanian .. .	310			..		
Polish .. .	1,444			2		
Russian .. .	305			..		
Yugoslav .. .	194			2		
Other .. .	394			121		
Total .. .	17,172	21,130	44,613	4,840	15,323	13,763

RACIAL ORIGIN.(c)

European .. .	17,005	20,694	43,686	4,722	14,503	13,137
Asiatic .. .	166	430	922	115	800	618
African .. .	1	..	1	..	..	..
Polynesian .. .	..	6	4	3	20	8
Total .. .	17,172	21,130	44,613	4,840	15,323	13,763

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and dependants, who are classified as temporary migrants irrespective of period of proposed stay in Australia or abroad and are therefore excluded from the table above, permanent migration refers to persons intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals and abroad in the case of departures.

(b) A detailed classification of migrants according to "Nationality" was commenced for the first time in July, 1948. Corresponding particulars for previous periods are available only for "British" and total "Alien" nationalities as shown above.

(c) The particulars of "Racial Origin" are directly comparable with those published in respect of permanent migrants in issues of this publication prior to No. 190 under the heading "Nationality or Race". Figures prior to July, 1948, should not, however, be regarded as a completely accurate record of "Racial Origin" as they were based solely on the passenger's own statement as to race which, in the absence of any provision for checking the statements, could in many cases incorrectly express the country of nationality or birthplace, rather than actual race. Under a new system of collection of overseas migration statistics by means of individual passenger cards, which must be handed to Immigration officers by all passengers entering or leaving Australia from 1st July, 1948, onwards, a check is now made by Immigration officers on the passenger's statement as to race. The information, moreover, is collected on the cards only under broad racial groups and it is believed that the records from July, 1948, can be accepted as substantially correct.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA (a)—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(b)	Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September.		Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September.	
		1947.	1948.		1947.	1948.
		Permanent New Arrivals.(b)				Australian Residents Departing Permanently.(b)
British—						
Great Britain	10,316	9,298	22,164	2,226	3,754	4,341
Canada	87	158	259	131	391	416
Cyprus	131	102	264	1	5	6
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	740	2,110	2,513	83	326	204
Malta	565	63	839	31	17	46
New Zealand	550	1,655	1,985	254	2,211	1,439
Union of South Africa	50	334	193	169	279	318
Other	629	1,252	2,376	986	3,973	3,170
Total British Countries ..	13,068	14,972	30,593	3,881	10,956	9,940
Foreign—						
France	65	440	424	44	126	98
Germany	(c)1,888	234	(c)5,748	17	7	40
Greece	208	675	899	14	18	84
Italy	401	159	1,096	224	99	345
Netherlands	107	152	336	35	436	90
Poland	94	345	383	..	4	2
Yugoslavia	6	13	69	2	30	912
Other European	335	814	1,193	152	185	302
China	106	1,061	478	74	749	437
Netherland East Indies	55	121	204	31	449	135
Egypt	116	225	633	13	8	17
United States of America	480	1,432	1,784	271	1,973	1,035
Polynesian Islands	31	133	135	49	112	167
Other	212	354	638	33	171	159
Total Foreign Countries ..	4,104	6,158	14,020	959	4,367	3,823
GRAND TOTAL ..	17,172	21,130	44,613	4,840	15,323	13,763

(a) Excludes troop movements prior to July, 1947. See also note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included throughout under "Australia" (see following table) both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more. (c) Mainly displaced European persons.

NOTE.—Particulars in this and the following table are not comparable with particulars published in this section in issues of this publication prior to No. 191, which related to arrivals and departures classified according to country of *embarkation* or *disembarkation*, and not of last permanent residence or future permanent residence as above. It should be noted also that the tables published in this issue shows separate figures for permanent and temporary migrants, while previously the particulars related to *total* arrivals and departures. A comparison with previous figures for countries of permanent residence can be obtained by adding the corresponding figures for permanent and temporary movements.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(b)	Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September.		Quarter ended September, 1948.	Nine months ended September.	
		1947.	1948.		1947.	1948.
		Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.	
Australia . . .	3,805	11,170	17,828	3,521	13,231	15,724
British—						
Great Britain . . .	1,239	1,571	3,341	720	2,006	2,872
Canada . . .	46	133	169	61	193	256
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	311	566	749	115	701	515
New Zealand . . .	2,254	5,100	6,703	2,121	5,577	7,550
Union of South Africa . . .	59	293	171	107	281	265
Other . . .	1,408	2,251	3,655	717	1,988	3,017
Total British Countries . .	9,122	21,084	32,616	7,362	23,977	30,199
Foreign—						
France . . .	33	72	82	25	83	65
Germany . . .	10	3	25	..	2	2
Greece . . .	1	20	5	..	4	4
Italy . . .	33	10	39	15	6	19
Netherlands . . .	22	33	54	17	142	79
Yugoslavia . . .	2	..	11	..	1	1
Other European . . .	53	61	145	20	106	103
China . . .	185	232	340	81	314	422
Netherlands East Indies . .	24	116	77	21	180	171
Egypt . . .	11	18	43	11	18	33
United States of America . .	352	1,068	1,174	345	1,200	1,382
Polynesian Islands . . .	139	463	436	110	459	392
Other . . .	50	195	287	32	193	147
Total Foreign Countries . .	915	2,291	2,718	677	2,708	2,820
GRAND TOTAL . . .	10,037	23,375	35,334	8,039	26,685	33,019

(a) Excludes troop movements prior to July, 1947. See also note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included throughout under "Australia" both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more.

See Note at foot of previous page.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,902,212
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,480	256,955	2,408,683	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46 ..	11,425,384	1,949,047	235,729	2,757,236	336,960	20,426,473
1946-47 ..	13,179,550	1,728,008	259,738	2,005,758	324,393	21,076,585
1947-48(a) ..	13,880,296	2,105,234	223,789	1,970,158	344,914	22,195,806

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	Bushels. 155,368,621	Bushels. 15,554,735	Bushels. 7,056,642	Tons. 3,321,161	Tons. 5,678,894	Tons. 820,086
1943-44 ..	109,719,577	17,711,918	7,432,618	2,716,872	3,687,981	523,865
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	669,943
1945-46 ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	665,881
1946-47 ..	117,262,132	15,565,559	5,807,632	2,357,186	4,026,935	551,854
1947-48(a) ..	220,116,317	40,697,000	6,245,000	3,008,000	4,418,000	603,332

(a) Subject to revision.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
AREA.								

1938-39 ..	Acres. 4,650,872	Acres. 2,748,362	Acres. 442,017	Acres. 3,080,401	Acres. 3,412,818	Acres. 9,849	Acres. 2,061	Acres. 14,346,380
1944-45 ..	2,844,804	2,141,729	332,365	1,623,145	1,515,762	3,832	1,514	8,463,151
1945-46 ..	3,773,901	3,251,393	392,502	2,165,004	1,835,780	4,982	1,822	11,425,384
1946-47 ..	4,474,894	3,501,135	247,996	2,518,948	2,425,780	7,539	3,258	13,179,550
1947-48(a) ..	5,043,017	3,227,162	462,239	2,374,873	2,760,446	7,776	4,783	13,880,296
1948-49(b) ..	4,280,000	3,100,000	630,000	2,070,000	2,935,000	8,000	5,000	13,028,000

PRODUCTION.

1938-39 ..	Bushels. 59,898,000	Bushels. 18,104,369	Bushels. 8,583,736	Bushels. 31,674,418	Bushels. 36,843,600	Bushels. 205,263	Bushels. 59,235	Bushels. 155,368,621
1944-45 ..	17,133,870	3,497,677	6,980,766	9,244,211	15,928,774	92,650	1,854	52,879,802
1945-46 ..	62,520,000	29,633,760	8,187,687	21,033,841	20,929,000	66,637	38,631	142,409,556
1946-47 ..	15,682,230	48,970,908	704,835	27,906,001	23,800,000	139,235	58,923	117,262,132
1947-48(a) ..	95,226,795	46,962,385	10,684,563	32,524,422	34,500,000	118,207	99,945	220,116,317
1948-49(b) ..	66,000,000	48,000,000	14,100,000	25,100,000	36,250,000	120,000	100,000	189,670,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

1938-39 ..	Bushels. 12.88	Bushels. 6.59	Bushels. 19.42	Bushels. 10.28	Bushels. 10.79	Bushels. 20.84	Bushels. 28.74	Bushels. 10.83
1944-45 ..	6.02	1.63	21.00	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.25
1945-46 ..	16.57	9.11	20.86	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1946-47 ..	3.50	13.99	2.84	11.08	9.84	18.47	18.09	8.90
1947-48(a) ..	18.88	14.55	23.12	13.64	12.50	15.20	20.91	15.85
1948-49(b) ..	15.42	15.48	22.38	12.13	12.35	15.00	20.00	14.56

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Estimated.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39..	5,222,529	3,082,509	498,984	3,344,264	3,613,342	13,694	2,358	15,727,680
1943-44..	2,975,068	1,864,895	367,725	1,675,778	1,724,642	10,071	1,768	8,619,947
1944-45..	3,174,258	2,246,217	424,462	1,850,682	1,699,327	9,098	2,397	9,406,441
1945-46..	4,213,431	3,365,558	489,269	2,407,253	1,963,138	11,082	2,366	12,452,097
1946-47..	4,772,978	3,566,489	301,971	2,662,150	2,555,323	12,749	3,849	13,875,509
1947-48(a)	5,355,169	3,279,182	513,984	2,486,505	2,865,326	11,909	5,266	14,517,341

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
------	--------	-----------	---------	----------	----------	-----------	----------	--------	------------

HORSES.

1939	531,355	343,828	(a) 444,521	(a) 195,834	(a) 143,674	(a) 30,458	a 33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1944b	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	a 30,534	1,151	1,449,199
1945b	436,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,528	25,885	a 31,803	1,091	1,359,205
1946b	403,645	232,473	367,357	115,949	88,180	24,863	a 31,883	1,048	1,265,398
1947b	379,774	227,164	343,172	109,274	80,746	23,925	a 30,019	1,101	1,195,175
1948b	376,043	221,454	335,581	100,619	74,537	23,125	a 32,318	973	1,164,650

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	a 6,097,089	(a) 318,897	(a) 767,680	(a) 262,407	a 899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1944b	3,143,378	2,019,038	6,524,553	414,997	870,939	230,127	a 978,569	8,083	14,183,679
1945b	3,144,701	1,903,110	6,623,112	391,323	852,583	224,668	a 984,370	9,320	14,133,167
1946b	3,116,334	1,827,087	6,542,210	374,096	833,567	216,306	a 960,039	7,867	13,878,006
1947b	2,983,093	2,060,061	5,945,285	423,980	811,949	220,119	a 972,990	9,169	13,426,646
1948b	3,129,740	2,174,203	5,975,460	445,287	815,610	244,107	a 991,429	8,748	13,784,584

SHEEP.

1939c	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,882
1944b	56,887,300	19,220,457	23,255,584	10,359,669	11,012,936	2,187,799	a 25,575	274,642	123,173,962
1945b	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,292,120	8,473,939	10,049,587	2,156,071	a 29,289	250,778	105,370,865
1946b	44,076,000	14,655,277	18,943,762	6,785,538	9,765,983	1,925,604	a 18,561	224,680	96,396,405
1947b	43,105,000	16,598,490	16,084,340	7,958,619	9,787,002	1,933,332	a 28,005	227,994	95,722,782
1948b	46,065,000	17,931,173	16,742,629	9,055,237	10,443,798	2,086,528	a 19,058	215,227	102,558,650

PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	(a) 325,326	(a) 71,292	(a) 82,922	(a) 45,317	(a) 355	573	1,155,591
1944b	561,294	337,378	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(a) 191	657	1,746,721
1945b	523,917	296,232	438,088	160,875	163,993	46,915	(a) 146	689	1,630,855
1946b	432,612	271,887	415,411	119,986	137,872	46,915	(a) 407	619	1,425,709
1947b	358,417	290,450	340,150	134,033	101,719	47,407	(a) 208	627	1,273,011
1948b	365,171	271,492	378,102	100,343	93,180	45,149	(a) 680	566	1,254,683

(a) December, previous year. (b) As at 31st March. (c) December, previous year—Q'land., S. Aust., W. Aust., Tas., N. Terr.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,888	78,802	17,519	35	1,909	983,582
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,918	1,169,016
1944-45..	448,683	177,143	178,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	308	1,763	1,016,489
1945-46..	431,649	152,398	173,249	73,604	86,986	16,338	155	1,960	936,239
1946-47..	432,621	197,076	144,820	93,020	90,255	16,643	305	2,038	976,778
1947-48(c)	422,260	191,004	146,000	105,000	95,410	15,326	500	1,767	977,267

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Forecast.

PRODUCTION OF BUTTER AND CHEESE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
-------	--------	-----------	---------	----------	----------	------	--------	------------

BUTTER.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1943-44	41,231	49,838	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,940	4,091	3	141,963
1945-46	34,947	51,148	45,790	8,277	5,884	4,314	3	150,363
1946-47	28,743	60,239	33,642	9,841	6,236	4,603	4	143,308
1947-48(a)	33,958	56,390	46,457	9,051	7,039	4,399	..	b 161,794

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1943-44	2,467	11,902	10,737	8,806	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45	2,005	12,260	10,104	8,244	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46	2,218	14,957	12,025	10,035	814	1,189	..	41,238
1946-47	2,031	17,646	7,720	12,768	1,022	1,163	..	42,350
1947-48(a)	2,624	16,122	9,537	11,490	1,024	414	..	b 41,343

(a) Factory only. Subject to revision.

(b) Includes an estimate of farm production.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
-------	--------	------	---------	----------	----------	------	----------	--------	------------

BEEF (including Veal).

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	172,001	113,985	207,007	24,731	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1943-44	145,216	100,539	187,288	26,176	19,926	11,017	10,000	514	500,676
1944-45	125,896	99,287	175,327	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	311	461,119
1945-46	134,384	75,417	137,236	21,154	23,578	8,273	6,225	377	406,644
1946-47	139,877	95,555	190,192	24,383	26,278	8,197	2,736	543	487,761
1947-48(a)	160,288	102,454	232,014	26,128	29,275	7,170	3,201	586	561,116

MUTTON.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	356	205,748
1943-44	101,193	86,509	34,870	25,661	20,205	6,365	36	552	275,391
1944-45	90,027	86,807	29,083	27,683	16,722	6,299	36	568	257,225
1945-46	82,059	53,800	23,132	16,724	15,868	5,666	36	516	197,801
1946-47	68,609	57,922	17,411	17,264	15,763	4,994	51	556	182,570
1947-48(a)	60,600	50,343	17,914	17,611	15,365	4,213	58	589	166,693

LAMB.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,557	7,852	2,325	..	84	114,544
1943-44	55,708	59,277	1,492	20,272	12,172	4,196	..	236	153,853
1944-45	48,621	56,440	1,641	19,205	9,094	2,901	..	266	138,168
1945-46	40,219	32,815	1,781	9,265	6,302	2,243	..	236	92,861
1946-47	41,488	53,762	1,245	14,310	6,782	2,168	..	261	120,016
1947-48(a)	43,637	55,972	1,422	15,705	8,778	2,428	..	299	128,241

PORK.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,033
1943-44	14,532	11,226	8,709	5,892	3,649	1,446	17	11	45,482
1944-45	8,605	11,407	8,249	9,013	4,006	1,270	17	3	42,570
1945-46	6,335	9,595	9,369	4,072	4,749	986	17	3	35,120
1946-47	6,364	7,153	9,011	2,978	3,446	1,039	17	18	30,026
1947-48(a)	5,283	7,023	7,175	3,107	2,395	1,298	39	46	26,360

(a) Subject to revision.

Production of Meat (Bone-in Weight)—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.O.T.	Australia.
-------	--------	-----------	---------	----------	----------	------	----------	--------	------------

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	..	33,238
1943-44 ..	13,913	9,687	11,958	4,605	4,358	1,202	..	..	45,723
1944-45 ..	20,148	12,103	13,299	4,499	5,007	1,190	..	..	56,246
1945-46 ..	17,409	9,377	10,699	5,239	4,608	1,255	..	..	48,587
1946-47 ..	15,830	10,998	9,983	5,069	4,638	1,150	..	..	47,668
1947-48(a) ..	13,090	10,796	10,117	4,822	3,789	1,315	..	..	43,929

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	299,975	271,939	252,045	64,829	53,880	20,421	2,248	1,055	966,392
1943-44 ..	337,519	272,082	250,296	84,908	62,489	24,827	10,053	1,313	1,043,487
1944-45 ..	303,371	272,096	234,247	85,674	55,491	21,437	10,053	1,148	983,517
1945-46 ..	289,111	185,693	187,561	59,074	57,408	19,050	6,278	1,132	805,307
1946-47 ..	277,867	229,349	231,435	65,829	58,577	17,962	2,804	1,378	885,201
1947-48(a) ..	287,611	230,475	272,284	69,109	60,966	16,897	3,292	1,520	942,154

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced.(b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	
							Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	1,104,605	20,560	280,003	15,320,116	3,067	217,256
1943 ..	751,279	14,137,548	1,399,306	24,326	206,376	10,329,830	2,635	182,841
1944 ..	656,867	13,696,889	1,305,357	28,056	189,485	9,365,726	2,547	174,358
1945 ..	657,213	12,792,189	1,117,709	24,520	164,741	8,076,740	2,282	150,313
1946 ..	824,480	13,581,691	906,283	17,755	183,835	9,045,280	2,127	171,910
1947 ..	937,654	d14,831,217	1,143,132	13,123	196,623	9,527,140	2,445	182,258
1948 ..	(d) 890,428	d14,815,000	1,234,803	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Not yet available. (d) Subject to revision.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
-------	--------	-----------	---------	----------	----------	-----------	----------	------------

	GOLD.							
1939 ..	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1943 ..	666,491	590,541	656,657	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944 ..	657,163	568,308	538,176	5,662	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,381
1945 ..	461,303	661,430	676,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,811	7,031,024
1946 ..	344,497	936,262	675,164	6,760	6,640,075	165,334	105,376	8,873,468
1947 ..	539,008	911,681	777,924	6,769	7,575,574	161,986	118,560	10,091,502
1948(b) ..	618,447	738,083	742,655	21,912	7,156,913	138,889	166,627	9,583,526

SILVER AND LEAD.

	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,958
1939 ..	3,546,440	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,058	4,385,382
1943 ..	3,752,672	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	4,414,682
1944 ..	4,068,935	1,622	17,788	601	22,757	259,560	4,927,993
1945 ..	4,625,665	2,687	836,869	224	43,860	527,937	8,411,130
1946 ..	6,999,553	1,910	2,866,980	1,676	48,751	829,929	14,329,904

(a) Except for gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Subject to revision.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—*continued.*

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1943 ..	379,800	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,393	2,194,574
1944 ..	309,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,188	1,878	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,000	..	1,500,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,284,805
1946 ..	344,682	..	648,122	..	105	716,212	6,282	1,715,408
1947 ..	290,905	..	338,508	..	6,071	1,057,825	..	1,693,309

TIN.

Year.	866,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1943 ..	403,320	14,162	167,176	..	2,315	246,218	5,594	888,795
1944 ..	309,860	12,835	275,185	..	2,351	235,612	2,086	837,929
1945 ..	291,788	9,869	207,948	..	4,370	240,369	5,026	759,370
1946 ..	257,153	14,917	220,901	..	5,838	240,584	3,228	742,621
1947 ..	246,423	25,397	390,833	..	5,565	353,045	4,698	1,025,961

COAL (Black).

Year.	(a)	259,814	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	(a)
1939 ..	7,027,035	..	..	..	489,721	117,361	..	8,891,964
1943 ..	9,788,787	429,358	1,824,591	..	..	..	..	12,649,818
1944 ..	9,761,304	407,793	1,785,621	12,117	583,076	122,673	..	12,672,584
1945 ..	9,451,930	494,690	1,759,311	14,508	572,896	125,719	..	12,419,054
1946 ..	10,584,914	392,812	1,692,272	47,411	730,104	137,736	..	13,535,249
1947 ..	12,101,178	299,784	2,237,738	67,777	840,249	154,725	..	15,701,451

ALL MINERALS.

Year.	12,382,127	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	37,097,190
1943 ..	16,976,193	1,593,994	4,214,525	3,070,716	6,383,755	2,378,533	130,795	34,748,511
1944 ..	17,051,337	1,802,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,667,497	2,220,136	126,025	34,070,853
1945 ..	16,870,377	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,309,991	5,804,238	1,934,066	176,197	33,280,370
1946 ..	20,321,402	2,079,353	4,761,403	2,776,145	7,586,707	2,855,674	166,543	40,547,227
1947 ..	26,267,411	2,206,628	8,549,109	3,209,382	8,862,277	4,224,756	229,437	53,549,000

(a) Excludes Brown Coal produced—1939, £385,952; 1943, £528,666; 1944, £566,444; 1945, £641,069; 1946, £706,504; 1947, £937,429.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

Industry.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	41,679	78,989	82,141	72,636	104,627	97,835
Pastoral ..	63,821	101,014	108,406	98,440	86,312	130,207
Dairying ..	33,782	42,386	44,823	46,183	49,540	49,858
Poultry ..	7,302	10,537	12,727	14,800	15,129	14,706
Bee-farming ..	123	323	393	517	413	872
Total Rural ..	146,707	233,249	248,490	232,576	256,021	293,478
Trapping ..	1,422	3,550	6,684	6,207	8,554	9,380
Forestry ..	7,780	10,590	11,224	11,259	12,261	14,400
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,930	1,968	2,235	2,600	3,292
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	30,767	27,612	26,831	26,288	32,476
Total Non-Rural ..	38,232	46,837	47,488	46,532	49,703	59,549
Total All Primary	184,939	280,086	295,978	279,108	305,724	353,027
Factories ..	203,416	352,001	366,236	362,284	352,323	410,862
Total All Industries	388,355	632,087	662,214	641,392	658,047	763,889

(a) Subject to revision.

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—*continued.*
PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1938-39.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.(a)			
							£	s.	d.
Agricultural	6 0 3	10 19 3	11 5 11	9 17 8	14 1 9	13 0 2			
Pastoral	9 4 1	14 0 5	14 18 2	13 7 11	11 12 4	17 6 3			
Dairying	4 17 5	5 17 8	6 3 4	6 5 8	6 13 4	6 12 7			
Poultry	1 1 1	1 9 3	1 15 0	2 0 3	2 0 9	1 19 1			
Bee-farming	0 0 4	0 0 11	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 1 1	0 2 4			
Total Rural	21 3 2	32 7 6	34 3 6	31 12 11	34 9 3	39 0 5			
Trapping	0 4 1	0 9 10	0 18 5	0 16 11	1 3 0	1 5 0			
Forestry	1 2 5	1 9 5	1 10 10	1 10 8	1 13 0	1 18 4			
Fisheries	0 4 9	0 5 4	0 5 5	0 6 1	0 7 0	0 8 9			
Mines and Quarries	3 19 0	4 5 5	3 15 11	3 13 0	3 10 9	4 6 4			
Total Non-Rural	5 10 3	6 10 0	6 10 7	6 6 8	6 13 9	7 18 5			
Total All Primary	26 13 5	38 17 6	40 14 1	37 19 7	41 3 0	46 18 10			
Factories	29 6 9	48 17 2	50 7 3	49 5 11	47 8 4	54 12 9			
Total All Industries	56 0 2	87 14 8	91 1 4	87 5 6	88 11 4	101 11 7			

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—STATE DETAILS, 1946-47. (a)

Industry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural	20,285	29,266	15,373	18,871	10,701	3,339	97,835
Pastoral	52,666	28,639	26,089	9,585	9,648	3,580	130,207
Dairying, &c.	21,179	23,651	10,870	5,938	2,449	1,349	65,436
Total Rural	94,130	81,556	52,332	34,394	22,798	8,268	293,478
Trapping, Forestry, Fisheries	10,442	6,517	4,090	2,062	2,027	1,935	27,073
Mines and Quarries	16,496	2,054	2,044	2,969	5,057	2,856	32,476
Total Non-Rural	26,938	8,571	7,134	5,031	7,084	4,791	59,549
Total All Primary	121,068	90,127	59,466	39,425	29,882	13,059	353,027
Factories	186,546	131,497	35,337	31,066	15,748	10,668	410,862
Total All Industries	307,614	221,624	94,803	70,491	45,630	23,727	763,889

(a) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1943-44	27,674	766,506	216,873,819	358,139,374	498,923,060	366,235,487	891,739,216
1944-45	28,930	750,579	207,651,800	366,497,167	496,888,671	362,283,355	886,004,777
1945-46	31,184	745,258	205,818,733	372,484,159	488,287,428	352,323,441	867,647,517
1946-47	34,768	804,929	237,173,766	382,844,875	569,144,364	410,861,742	1,011,026,206
1947-48(c)	37,377	848,634	285,778,076	424,807,318	684,054,393	489,465,555	1,209,950,872

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by

(c) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,464	9,250	3,087	2,067	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	44,606,497	36,026,542	10,887,229	8,169,350	4,573,558	2,479,886	106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used .. £	7,651,627	3,999,934	1,423,549	1,017,537	1,169,268	438,006	15,699,921
5. „ materials used £	120,501,795	82,971,608	42,596,049	20,308,797	9,603,657	5,321,540	281,303,446
6. „ production .. £	90,265,891	65,996,069	19,301,475	13,678,930	8,775,586	5,398,659	203,416,610
7. „ output of fact's. £	218,419,313	152,967,611	63,321,073	35,005,264	19,548,511	11,158,205	500,419,977
8. „ land & buildings £	57,353,625	42,026,245	12,299,089	8,710,700	6,813,653	3,717,102	130,920,414
9. „ plant & mchnr. £	62,692,956	38,626,743	18,095,415	9,749,679	8,095,064	6,402,270	143,662,127

1940-46.

1. Factories .. No.	13,961	10,949	3,367	2,707	2,615	1,169	34,768
2. Hands employed(a) ..	343,119	265,757	71,599	70,711	33,806	19,987	804,929
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	103,587,559	77,993,765	20,310,541	20,538,958	9,105,010	5,637,933	237,173,766
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	13,964,552	7,835,022	2,627,507	3,620,194	2,049,489	923,336	31,020,100
5. „ materials used £	245,436,182	176,106,507	62,134,914	52,015,884	20,472,010	12,978,867	569,144,364
6. „ production .. £	186,546,408	131,496,150	35,336,669	31,066,494	15,748,476	10,667,545	410,861,742
7. „ output of fact's. £	445,947,142	315,437,679	100,099,090	86,702,572	38,269,975	24,569,748	1,011,026,206
8. „ land & buildings £	81,894,595	62,771,493	15,391,033	18,659,534	8,756,924	5,678,205	198,151,784
9. „ plant & mchnr. £	75,234,273	59,124,802	19,995,249	18,408,224	8,430,574	8,499,969	189,693,091

1947-48.(c)

1. Factories .. No.	15,194	11,663	3,642	2,865	2,788	1,225	37,377
2. Hands employed(a) ..	363,365	278,283	70,500	73,346	35,967	21,173	848,634
3. Wages paid(b) .. £	125,345,878	93,815,000	24,163,216	24,852,998	10,735,647	6,865,337	285,778,076
4. Value of fuel, &c., used £	17,313,940	8,340,000	3,186,551	4,280,453	2,294,627	1,015,353	36,430,924
5. „ materials used £	292,556,789	210,476,000	78,749,028	61,618,640	25,129,242	15,524,694	684,054,393
6. „ production .. £	218,610,856	158,713,000	42,928,994	38,593,991	18,374,197	12,244,517	489,465,555
7. „ output of fact's. £	528,481,585	377,529,000	124,864,573	104,493,084	45,798,066	28,784,564	1,209,950,872
8. „ land & buildings £	91,860,393	66,172,000	16,609,936	20,690,827	9,482,660	6,271,365	211,087,181
9. „ plant & mchnr. £	86,714,082	65,830,000	21,830,685	20,239,623	9,189,910	9,915,837	213,720,137

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
 proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.
 proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Includes value of Lubricating Oil and water.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.
					£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	4,734,190	5,473,040	7,656,830	5,146,151	4,734,190	5,473,040	7,656,830
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	4,781,511	6,065,447	8,075,879	5,571,757	4,781,511	6,065,447	8,075,879
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	23,516,420	22,581,459	24,491,943	12,456,370	23,516,420	22,581,459	24,491,943
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	147,577,793	129,692,358	146,395,129	62,434,973	147,577,793	129,692,358	146,395,129
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,044,031	1,375,856	2,208,333	931,085	1,044,031	1,375,856	2,208,333
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	22,275,487	22,035,957	26,931,448	10,917,765	22,275,487	22,035,957	26,931,448
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	5,737,305	6,850,142	8,612,097	3,182,881	5,737,305	6,850,142	8,612,097
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	27,654,833	29,834,761	36,845,821	16,551,031	27,654,833	29,834,761	36,845,821
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	62,474,043	61,987,739	69,141,447	41,601,107	62,474,043	61,987,739	69,141,447
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	15,062,688	15,590,292	19,216,284	9,460,742	15,062,688	15,590,292	19,216,284
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c.. ..	4,200,035	4,240,457	5,467,214	7,261,726	4,200,035	4,240,457	5,467,214	7,261,726
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	19,646,332	20,496,204	26,121,427	14,559,073	19,646,332	20,496,204	26,121,427
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,850,470	4,181,676	5,549,546	2,761,075	3,850,470	4,181,676	5,549,546
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	183,277	206,973	347,017	136,432	183,277	206,973	347,017
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	5,490,554	6,608,907	7,992,996	2,097,998	5,490,554	6,608,907	7,992,996
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	14,013,964	13,875,416	14,013,819	11,408,135	14,013,964	13,875,416	14,013,819
Total	203,416,610	362,283,355	352,323,441	410,861,742				

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1946-47.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	23.23	24.73	20.29	23.69	23.79	22.95	23.46
Power, Fuel, &c. ..	3.13	2.48	2.63	4.18	5.36	3.76	3.07
Materials used ..	55.04	55.83	62.07	59.99	53.49	52.82	56.29
Margin for other miscellaneous expenses, charges, profits, &c. ..	18.60	16.96	15.01	12.14	17.36	20.47	17.18
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	55.53	59.31	57.48	66.11	57.82	52.85	57.73

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.58	93.19	103.92
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females ..	172.07	179.55	151.65	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.60	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females ..	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44
1945-46—Males ..	335.34	330.86	314.56	305.70	306.74	301.35	326.99
Females ..	172.65	179.26	155.85	156.05	142.62	159.02	171.88
1946-47—Males ..	355.02	349.29	322.54	328.17	315.15	323.62	345.34
Females ..	190.48	196.20	167.04	162.89	155.20	173.45	187.91

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1946-47.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	255,733	188,758	59,309	56,739	27,575	16,186	604,300
Females ..	87,386	76,999	12,290	13,972	6,231	3,751	200,629
Masculinity(a) ..	293	245	483	406	443	432	301

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.
(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, &c.)	2,762	3,161	401	839	433	215	91	7,902
749	1,422	1,562	9	65	455	30	4,292	
Fibre Cement	2,876	320	392	128	315	9	18	4,058
Other	18	100	33	7	8	..	..	166
Total Houses	6,405	5,003	2,388	983	821	679	139	16,418
Flats	339	140	3	10	..	..	..	492
Shops with Dwellings	36	61	4	1	3	9	..	114
Shops without Dwellings	28	31	18	4	18	5	..	104
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	5	..	..	..	3	26	..	34
Factories	563	370	65	65	81	221	..	1,365
Other New Buildings	447	308	230	141	116	52	1	1,295
Total Other Buildings	1,418	910	320	221	221	313	1	3,404
Total New Buildings	7,823	5,913	2,708	1,204	1,042	992	140	19,822

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.
(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
COMMENCED.								
Year 1945-46 ..	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)	£'000. (a)
1946-47 ..	30,458	20,398	9,319	4,848	3,036	2,718	749	71,526
1947-48 ..	36,196	26,841	11,898	5,341	4,420	3,607	2,606	90,909
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	8,851	6,761	3,310	1,228	986	837	202	22,175
Sept., 1948	11,904	8,439	2,955	1,780	1,551	1,290	286	28,205

COMPLETED.

Year	1945-46 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1946-47 ..	9,305	5,471	3,320	1,682	974	627	112	21,491
1947-48 ..	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	24,305	17,891	10,344	4,080	3,328	2,279	509	62,736
Sept., 1948	5,697	3,967	2,632	992	803	493	153	14,737
	7,823	5,913	2,708	1,204	1,042	992	140	19,822

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year	1945-46 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1946-47 ..	14,614	9,809	3,164	2,387	1,571	1,403	430	33,378
1947-48 ..	30,041	19,279	5,337	4,774	2,872	2,759	884	65,946
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	44,461	29,603	7,088	6,170	4,452	4,146	3,013	98,933
Sept., 1948	33,866	22,378	6,008	5,033	3,049	3,037	910	74,281
	49,714	33,964	7,367	6,867	5,057	4,466	3,149	110,584

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Materials of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone ..	1,379	1,889	256	672	310	129	38	4,673
Wood (Weatherboard, &c.) ..	577	1,124	1,536	12	81	401	23	3,754
Fibro Cement ..	2,385	314	424	108	323	14	15	3,583
Other ..	18	74	46	8	10	1	..	157
Total ..	4,359	3,401	2,262	800	724	545	76	12,167

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.

COMMENCED.

Year 1945-46 ..	12,900	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
,, 1946-47 ..	17,720	12,959	8,925	3,269	2,405	1,642	323	47,243
,, 1947-48 ..	19,807	14,878	9,399	3,580	3,075	2,062	393	53,194
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	5,075	4,147	2,748	842	826	497	63	14,198
,, Sept., 1948	5,810	4,148	2,259	1,032	1,015	667	91	15,022

COMPLETED.

Year 1945-46 ..	5,596	3,666	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
,, 1946-47 ..	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,070	149	32,607
,, 1947-48 ..	14,858	11,846	9,158	3,009	2,771	1,544	271	43,457
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	3,494	2,666	2,621	722	698	366	85	10,652
,, Sept., 1948	4,359	3,401	2,262	800	724	545	76	12,167

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year 1945-46 ..	9,200	6,142	2,441	1,559	865	1,013	188	21,408
,, 1946-47 ..	14,737	11,680	3,627	2,654	1,521	1,557	368	36,144
,, 1947-48 ..	19,686	14,712	3,868	3,203	1,841	2,065	491	45,866
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	16,318	13,161	3,754	2,753	1,669	1,701	348	39,704
,, Sept., 1948	21,137	15,375	3,865	3,482	2,132	2,166	502	48,659

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS.(a)

(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year 1945-46 ..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
,, 1946-47 ..	663	312	46	..	..	14	..	1,035
,, 1947-48 ..	1,093	372	41	6	..	21	48	1,581
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	129	82	3	6	..	4	48	272
,, Sept., 1948	409	194	4	..	..	13	96	716

COMMENCED.

Year 1945-46 ..	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
,, 1946-47 ..	663	312	46	..	..	14	..	1,035
,, 1947-48 ..	1,093	372	41	6	..	21	48	1,581
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	129	82	3	6	..	4	48	272
,, Sept., 1948	409	194	4	..	..	13	96	716

COMPLETED.

Year 1945-46 ..	10	14	16	4	2	..	..	46
,, 1946-47 ..	157	86	55	..	..	21	..	319
,, 1947-48 ..	557	167	41	..	..	3	..	768
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	126	37	13	..	..	..	..	176
,, Sept., 1948	212	97	3	6	..	1	..	319

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year 1945-46 ..	95	56	17	..	..	10	..	178
,, 1946-47 ..	605	265	13	..	..	4	..	887
,, 1947-48 ..	1,141	526	13	6	..	20	48	1,754
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	608	286	3	6	..	8	48	959
,, Sept., 1948	1,338	617	14	..	..	32	144	2,145

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown above. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Not available.

Section IV.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING (a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED
AUSTRALIA.

('000 omitted.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1945-46 (a) ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1946-47 ..	4,486	700	5,186	4,165	1,055	5,220
1947-48 ..	4,825	1,252	6,077	4,686	1,133	5,819
1947-48 (three months) ..	1,170	136	1,306	898	277	1,175
1948-49 (three months) ..	1,433	356	1,789	1,379	390	1,769

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO.—Discharged and Shipped.

('000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Measurement.						

1947-48 (three months).

New South Wales ..	740	103	418	238	813	58	196	122
Victoria ..	615	44	435	137	157	48	148	90
Queensland ..	91	73	145	18	125	37	80	14
South Australia ..	378	43	149	49	649	50	127	26
Western Australia ..	76	35	130	14	44	26	105	42
Tasmania ..	109	65	19	..	111	68	1	2
Northern Territory ..	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	4
Total, 1947-48 ..	2,010	364	1,296	456	1,902	288	657	300

1948-49 (three months).

New South Wales ..	769	121	396	280	860	94	547	92
Victoria ..	583	40	429	216	152	50	213	135
Queensland ..	69	83	140	45	104	34	211	31
South Australia ..	359	57	145	41	604	52	284	31
Western Australia ..	68	44	221	23	10	21	165	38
Tasmania ..	110	69	31	..	127	62	25	3
Northern Territory ..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..
Total, 1948-49 ..	1,960	414	1,365	605	1,858	313	1,445	330

Total 1947-48 ..	7,314	1,476	4,987	1,916	7,107	1,178	4,491	1,246
" 1946-47 ..	7,278	1,565	4,171	1,394	7,264	1,273	3,097	1,357
" 1945-46 (a) ..	6,196	1,522	4,600	1,649	6,216	1,213	2,462	1,470
" 1944-45 (a) ..	7,420	1,916	4,343	1,797	7,666	1,640	3,060	1,811
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 25½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	6s. 6d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator)	1½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	193s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef	1 ½d. per lb.
Lamb	2d. "
Mutton	1 ½d. "
Rabbits and Hares	140s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	123s. "
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)	123s. "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	123s. "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw)	95s. per ton weight.
Jams	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	123s. "
Dried Fruits	97s. 6d. "
Fruits, Fresh—(Refrigerator)—	
Apples	6s. 10d. (a) per bushel case.
Oranges	8s. 4d.
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Bulk	95s. per ton weight.
Bagged	105s. "
Barley	116s. 9d. "
Oats	123s. 9d. "
Maize	116s. 9d. "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheaten	110s. "
Bran	127s. 6d. "
Pollard	120s. "
Rice (clean, husked)	116s. 9d. "

WINE

123s. per ton measurement.

ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—	
Calf	1d. per lb.
Sheep	1 ½d. "
Rabbit	2 ½d. "
Other	2 ½d. "
Pearl-shell	123s. per ton measurement.
Wool—	
Greasy	1 ½d. per lb. + 5 per cent. less 7½ per cent.
Scoured and Washed	2 ½d. per lb. + 5 per cent. less 7½ per cent.
Tops	2 ½d. per lb. (net)

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	123s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning	123s. per ton weight.
Copra	200s. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	123s. "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	14d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire	123s. per ton measurement.
Binder Twine	215s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—	
Eucalyptus	123s. per ton measurement.
Other	138s. per ton weight.

Tallow, Unrefined	138s. "
-------------------------	---------

PAINTS AND VARNISHES

123s. per ton measurement.

(a) 8s. 4d. for shipments on behalf of Ministry of Food, England.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st December, 1948—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore (in casks)—					144s. 6d. per ton weight.
Over £20 per ton	..	..	..	82s. 6d.	.. " "
Under £20 per ton	..	..	..	..	.. " "
Zinc—					
Ex Risdon ..	..	..	..	70s.	.. " "
Other than above ..	..	..	..	65s.	.. " "
Dust (in cases) ..	..	..	..	289s. 6d.	.. " "
Sheet (in cases) ..	..	..	..	126s. 6d.	.. " "
Copper ..	..	..	..	90s.	.. " "
Lead ..	..	..	..	65s.	.. " "
Steel—					
Billets (up to 20 ft.) ..	..	..	..	80s.	.. " "
.. (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) ..	..	..	..	95s.	.. " "
Tyres ..	..	..	..	108s. 6d.	.. " "
Tin Clippings in Ingots form ..	..	..	..	42s.	.. " "

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber ..	..	..	..	110s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather ..	..	..	..	269s. per ton weight.

WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—

Timber—				
Logs up to 40-ft. lengths ..	..	..	46s.	per 100 super. feet.
.. over 40 and up to 50-ft. lengths ..	..	..	49s. 3d.	.. " "
.. over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths ..	..	..	53s.	.. " "

Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths ..

EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS ..

STATIONERY ..

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS—

Fertilizers	123s.	..
----------------	----	----	-------	----

MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap ..	..	..	123s.	..
Casein ..	..	..	193s. 6d.	..

SPECIE ..

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES.
GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans- shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane ..	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	68 6	..	..	75 0	..
Melbourne ..	75 0	67 0	..	67 0	..
Adelaide ..	83 6	75 0	..	67 0	..
Fremantle ..	94 6(a)	88 0	..	81 6	..
Hobart ..	114 6(b)	66 0	..	59 6	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie ..	114 6(b)	66 0	..	55 0	..
Auckland ..	..	83 11	..	83 11	167 4
Wellington ..	..	83 11(c)	..	83 11(c)	167 4(c)
Lyttleton ..	..	83 11	145 7(c)	83 11	145 7(c)
Dunedin ..	..	83 11	145 7(c)	83 11	145 7(c)
New Hebrides—Vila ..	..	140 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island ..	..	110 0	..	..	..
Papua—					
Port Moresby ..	110 0	110 0	..	..	..
Samarai ..	110 0	110 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang ..	130 0	130 0	..	..	..
Rabaul ..	120 0	120 0	..	..	..

(a) Direct; plus 10s. per ton if trans-shipped.

(b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.

(c) Plus Wellington Harbour Improvement Charges.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1945-46.		1946-47.		1947-48.	
		Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.	Civil.	Total.

IMPORTS.

	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.
New South Wales ..	53,088	58,081	87,963	86,640	94,378	147,410	151,917
Victoria ..	40,463	40,355	61,628	69,424	76,475	115,208	120,600
Queensland ..	9,070	6,958	12,246	13,110	13,658	22,099	22,560
South Australia ..	6,670	6,463	10,007	13,406	13,609	22,551	22,954
Western Australia ..	6,137	5,205	5,509	9,341	9,464	16,941	17,155
Tasmania ..	1,292	1,270	1,307	1,798	1,812	4,257	4,282
Northern Territory ..	34	163	197	58	89	176	278
Total ..	116,754	113,495	178,857	193,777	209,485	328,642	339,746

EXPORTS.(a)

	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.
New South Wales ..	45,903	57,811	76,841	105,930	116,580	130,416	134,750
Victoria ..	30,819	43,075	75,916	82,275	88,611	114,204	115,964
Queensland ..	28,652	26,190	27,085	42,213	43,195	47,653	48,312
South Australia ..	14,841	18,002	20,154	29,076	32,512	52,506	52,902
Western Australia ..	17,070	18,673	19,458	20,940	23,008	48,130	48,670
Tasmania ..	3,198	3,560	3,612	5,081	5,081	9,227	9,283
Northern Territory ..	13	104	222	6	17	72	73
Total ..	140,496	168,315	223,288	285,521	309,004	402,208	400,954

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Aust. Produce.
1938-39 ..	£A'000. 257,250	£A'000. 116,754	£A'000. 135,476	£A'000. 5,020	£A'000. 140,496	37	2	0	16	16	9
1945-46 ..	402,145	178,857	218,821	4,467	223,288	54	2	5	24	1	5
1946-47 ..	518,489	209,485	304,429	4,575	309,004	68	19	0	27	17	2
1947-48 ..	749,700	339,746	404,716	5,238	409,954	97	4	3	44	1	1
1948-49 .. (6 months)	467,646	200,719	264,043	2,884	266,927	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Excludes the value of Stores Shipped in Australian ports on board oversea ships. The values of Ships' Stores in £A'000 were 1938-39, £2,106; 1945-46, £6,332; 1946-47, £4,507; 1947-48, £5,506 and 1948-49 (six months) £3,988.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1938-39 ..	£A'000. 113,217	£A'000. 3,537	£A'000. 116,754	£A'000. 121,533	£A'000. 18,963	£A'000. 140,496	£A'000. 8,316	£A'000. 15,426	£A'000. 23,742
1945-46 ..	177,095	1,762	178,857	196,424	26,864	223,288	19,329	25,102	44,431
1946-47 ..	208,343	1,142	209,485	308,884	120	309,004	100,541	1,022	99,519
1947-48 ..	338,085	1,661	339,746	404,988	4,966	409,954	66,903	3,305	70,208
1948-49 .. (6 months)	200,031	688	200,719	265,997	930	266,927	65,966	242	66,208

NOTE.—Minus sign denotes excess of imports.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and from Individual Items of the Excise Tariff and Total Revenue collected during the December quarters of 1947 and 1948, the six months ended December, 1947 and 1948, and the years ended June, 1947 and 1948.

Division.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.		Year ended June.	
	1947.		1948.		1947.	
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	260,273	327,289	465,373	619,535	696,693	942,730
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	2,718,111	4,187,352	5,509,387	8,011,429	9,006,094	11,995,964
3. Sugar	3,314	904	3,520	3,266	2,602	7,122
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	343,464	320,283	646,971	647,557	1,132,248	1,466,786
5. Textiles, &c., and Apparel	1,365,446	1,610,361	3,006,376	3,294,544	3,393,351	5,802,888
6. Metals and Machinery	1,082,462	1,350,352	2,240,391	2,713,803	2,503,288	4,702,732
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	4,225,178	4,205,759	8,429,166	8,396,203	16,692,204	16,222,672
8. Earthenware, &c.	261,014	269,863	506,382	580,545	517,696	1,108,006
9. Drugs and Chemicals	117,251	79,631	249,954	173,628	379,013	455,499
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	152,166	230,072	343,471	442,170	561,648	697,196
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	237,797	334,506	512,561	647,109	769,540	974,859
12. Leather and Rubber	149,214	269,151	373,476	503,568	603,725	821,435
13. Paper and Stationery	225,080	122,326	439,750	272,621	396,967	779,458
14. Vehicles	560,454	775,158	998,486	1,736,339	2,104,677	2,773,155
15. Musical Instruments	11,078	15,696	19,308	32,723	13,950	50,860
16. Miscellaneous	696,252	509,884	1,571,075	1,161,620	1,657,183	2,963,218
Primage	1,950,077	1,474,256	4,421,764	3,005,426	6,364,914	7,349,576
Ships' Stores	14,808	30,766	33,044	49,161	62,718	58,487
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	74,668	60,063	144,300	208,930	229,858	745,286
Total Customs	14,448,102	16,173,672	29,914,755	32,500,177	47,088,369	59,917,909
EXCISE.						
Beer	7,922,160	8,722,146	14,652,803	15,992,059	27,379,849	27,062,418
Carbonic Acid Gas .. ..	..	..	..	..	123,650	..
Cigarette Papers	275,742	222,931	557,421	460,311	942,407	1,060,066
Matches	352,489	275,393	712,994	614,265	1,365,996	1,305,776
Petrol	488,529	577,834	873,091	1,137,719	871,393	1,835,258
Playing Cards	16,650	17,785	30,364	35,150	45,801	58,170
Spirits	1,562,454	1,741,437	3,128,506	3,664,446	6,375,642	6,764,216
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	5,169,617	5,161,819	10,523,057	9,689,633	19,344,660	19,716,474
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	76,151	102,333	159,850	187,025	359,771	300,785
Total Excise	15,863,792	16,821,678	30,638,086	31,780,608	56,809,169	58,103,163
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	30,311,894	32,995,350	60,552,841	64,280,785	103,897,538	118,021,072
Refunds and Drawback paid	514,338	695,474	1,126,895	1,517,976	2,281,913	2,410,678
TOTAL NET REVENUE	29,797,556	32,299,876	59,425,946	62,762,809	101,615,625	115,610,394

IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Bahrein Islands.	Belgium.	China.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	169	..	5	1	..	1	..	154	93	..	11	1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	309	45	1	1,263	587	..	45	18	..	..	..	5
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	143	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	929	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	29	..	..	..
5. Live animals	49	..	..	..	1	..	..	34	..	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs	28	..	1	..	232	1	91	..	22	..	..	77
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	396	..	9	105	1,317	12	56	2	57	..	5	23
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	18,832	943	181	9	3,973	6	6	1	2	..	1,015	761
9. Oils, fats and waxes	163	..	..	..	564	38	21	624	8	937	3	75
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	270	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	14	..
11. Rocks and minerals	32	..	70	9	33	..	7	..	103	..	1	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	20,756	..	1,667	1	3	26	44	..	336	..	97	4
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	606	1	5	46	1	990	8	21	..	..	2	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	83	85	444	..	3	9	187	2	..	..	2	12
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	1,548	..	89	..	16	..	46	..	..	..	211	2
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	2,074	..	428	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	68	..
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	813	..	7	3	26	1	8	1	179	..	3	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	999	..	70	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	4	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	1,578	..	83	5	3	..	3	..	17	..	44	54
20. Miscellaneous	2,344	..	13	3	26	2	88	18	4	..	10	16
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	123	..	..	..	..	..
Total	52,121	1,074	3,073	1,444	6,793	1,130	863	671	941	937	1,485	1,081

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1948—continued.

SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

27

Classes of Goods.	Czecho-slovakia.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Nether-lands.	Nether-lands Dep'cy.—Indonesia.	Norway.	Persia.	Sweden.	Switzer-land.	United States of America.	Total, All Coun-tries.(a)	
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	..	..	2	4	..	4	983	..	3	..	27	1,514
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	..	..	1	35	8	1	..	3	..	..	6	3,604
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	..	..	58	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	218
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	319	2,026
5. Live animals	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs	..	..	4	5	..	..	10	..	13	..	3	659
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	..	..	472	29	30	3	100	4	5	4	317	4,143
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	978	..	465	852	769	9	1	2	1	115	652	20,278	
9. Oils, fats and waxes	..	..	1	10	2	3,262	20	2,583	3	..	1,608	11,499
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	9	..	25	6	2	..	1	..	1	1	93	475	
11. Rocks and minerals	..	..	..	5	1	..	1	82	4	6	247	815
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	74	..	53	78	127	..	46	..	202	120	4,104	27,832	
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	52	1,804
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	..	..	5	1	2	3	40	..	332	..	385	1,708
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	136	..	17	1	2	..	4	..	16	1	42	2,151	
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	47	..	39	1	88	..	561	..	1,366	1	161	5,343	
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	36	..	61	7	10	..	7	..	1	159	6	1,342	
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	8	..	9	11	2	..	..	..	1	8	203	1,365
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	..	21	87	42	38	..	6	..	17	103	262	3,087	
20. Miscellaneous	9	3	12	44	53	2	1	1	15	3	140	1,666	
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	146
Total	..	1,297	497	870	1,135	1,113	3,383	1,685	2,676	1,980	557	8,631	100,773

(a) Excludes outside packages, £A1,919,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Eire.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	10,512	29	168	1,769	1,534	229	238	188	29	572	229	71
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin	21,233	1,257	1,769	2	69	6,650	664	1,364	765	1,012	788	..
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	247	70	..	..	2	6	2	43	2	..	..	..
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..
5. Live animals	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	7	49	4	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not food-stuffs	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	10,090	1,181	..	..	118	285	..	55	..	29	2,792	327
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	59	2	1	..	8	..	..	68	..	4	8	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes	69	28	1	..	204	45	1	265	14	42	3	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	162	28	1	..	8	46	3	11	2	3	3	1
11. Rocks and minerals	..	..	..	..	11	1	1	61	3	2	..	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	308	11	..	..	1	3	1	41	2	..	517	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	4,520	16	30	..	40	165	89	1,321	204	356	82	223
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	147	..	1	..	67	4	4	32	44	24	..	1
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	54	6	5	..	5	8	1	163	6	27	..	..
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	5	..	..	..	2	1	..	60	6	1	..	..
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	29	1	1	..	2	3	1	99	7	2	..	..
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	3	4	1	..	1	..	..	14	1	14	..	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	23	..	1	..	3	1	1	108	3	4	..	1
20. Miscellaneous	35	3	4	..	61	28	28	161	70	5	14	13
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	270	5	33	..	18	4	4	158	275	18	..	7
Total	48,078	2,641	2,017	1,536	851	7,491	990	4,075	2,025	1,776	4,278	575

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1948—continued.

Classes of Goods.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dep'cy.— Indonesia.	Persia.	Poland.	Soviet Russia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	225	1,893	1,177	1	11	49	5	2	72	139	76	14,493
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin				2,163	47	531	1	784	19	622	19	49,303
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	440
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof .. .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
5. Live animals .. .. ..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	89
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	87	8,849	2,538	1,427	873	..	..	1,304	2,920	358	6,242	40,916
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel .. .. ..	..	4	1	..	19	..	..	..	..	15	98	348
9. Oils, fats and waxes	7	..	..	1	2	50	5	..	..	1	13	1,010
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	2	..	14	1	60	1	8	..	..	..	11	558
11. Rocks and minerals .. .. ..	..	3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	127
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	20	..	..	3	14	512	5	..	..	15	925	9,181
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof .. .. ..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	11	416
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured .. .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	11	439
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. .. .. ..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	117
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	..	..	..	1	..	39	..	..	..	..	2	228
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	61
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	1	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	199
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	32	1	..	13	7	18	..	..	..	9	31	692
20. Miscellaneous	1	4	5	202	10	107	..	..	1	..	3	31
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	145	..	..	..	..	3	514
Total	2,269	10,044	4,743	1,752	1,525	883	875	1,463	2,920	1,081	7,985	122,257

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	Novem- ber.	Decem- ber.	January.	Februa- ry.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(a)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	s. d. 2 0.5 3 11.4	s. d. 2 0.5 3 6.7	s. d. 2 6.2 3 0.2	s. d. 2 10.2 3 10.9	s. d. 2 10.3 3 5.9	s. d. 2 9.0 3 11.7	s. d. 2 11.8	s. d. 2 11.9	s. d. 3 8.0	s. d. 3 5.1	s. d. 3 10.3	s. d. 3 5.3	s. d. 3 0.8
Wool, Scoured ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	3 3.5 4 10.3	2 7.2 4 6.5	3 10.1 3 9.2	4 9.5 4 6.4	3 7.6 4 4.6	3 0.7 4 9.6	3 6.4	3 9.4	4 3.7	4 4.8	3 5.3	3 9.4	3 6.3
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	1947-48 1948-49	9 2.3 18 5.0	11 11.4 13 6.2	13 4.4 17 10.3	13 7.6 16 9.5	16 6.8 13 9.9	14 11.0 15 1.4	13 9.1	14 7.2	11 8.1	13 2.6	14 2.8	14 6.3	13 2.5
Wheat ..	bushel	1947-48 1948-49	5 11.2 18 0.3	13 8.1 18 3.9	13 3.9 16 3.2	14 8.3 16 7.0	14 3.1 15 10.9	14 6.8 16 5.5	16 10.7	18 4.0	17 6.6	18 3.2	17 3.1	19 2.0	17 6.6
Butter ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	2 2.3 2 3.8	2 2.5 2 4.1	2 2.8 2 3.5	2 2.7 2 5.5	2 2.8 2 7.3	2 2.7 2 6.6	2 2.9	2 2.8	2 2.9	2 3.0	2 2.9	2 4.0	2 2.8
Raisins ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	0 5.6 0 6.5	0 6.0 0 6.8	0 7.4 0 6.7	0 6.1 0 7.5	0 6.6 0 7.3	0 6.9 0 8.7	0 7.5	1 0.3	0 9.9	0 6.3	0 5.9	0 6.2	0 6.1
Wine (b) ..	gal.	1947-48 1948-49	9 1.5 12 0.5	7 1.9 10 1.1	8 1.5 11 0.5	10 6.4 12 5.2	7 3.0 10 0.6	10 1.7 10 6.6	7 1.1	10 10.3	11 10.8	12 5.1	10 5.3	11 7.6	10 2.4
Beef, Frozen ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	0 6.3 0 6.7	0 6.1 0 7.0	0 6.2 0 6.6	0 6.0 0 7.1	0 6.4 0 8.0	0 6.5 0 8.4	0 6.4	0 9.0	0 6.8	0 9.7	0 6.4	0 6.5	0 6.3
Lamb, Frozen ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	0 8.7 1 1.8	0 8.0 1 3.1	0 8.9 0 11.4	0 8.6 0 9.1	0 8.8 0 8.8	0 9.1 0 9.5	0 8.9	0 9.5	0 8.6	0 8.8	0 8.6	0 11.3	0 8.8
Mutton, Frozen ..	lb.	1947-48 1948-49	0 6.1 0 7.4	0 8.5 0 11.7	0 5.1 0 10.7	0 6.3 0 9.0	0 5.1 0 7.1	0 5.0 0 5.8	0 4.2	0 5.1	0 4.2	0 4.6	0 4.8	0 5.1	0 5.5
Flour ..	cental	1947-48 1948-49	£ s. d. 1 16 3	£ s. d. 1 18 11	£ s. d. 1 19 2	£ s. d. 1 17 8	£ s. d. 1 14 6	£ s. d. 1 17 4	£ s. d. 2 1 0	£ s. d. 2 9 10	£ s. d. 2 1 10	£ s. d. 2 2 9	£ s. d. 2 2 6	£ s. d. 2 5 8	£ s. d. 2 0 7
Tallow (Inedible) ..	cwt.	1947-48 1948-49	6 14 0 4 15 6	6 12 2 4 9 10	7 2 6 5 19 0	5 17 9 5 18 4	6 2 2 6 1 9	6 9 6 6 15 6	7 14 2	6 16 5	7 0 0	8 3 5	6 1 8	6 6 2	6 14 9
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	1947-48 1948-49	4 17 5 5 9 3	4 14 2 5 9 0	4 13 6 5 13 6	4 13 1 6 2 3	4 13 1 6 7 3	4 15 4 6 10 8	4 15 7	4 13 7	4 12 10	4 14 4	5 6 11	5 4 6	4 16 9
Zinc Bars, Blocks, ..	cwt.	1947-48 1948-49	3 9 7 3 10 11	3 11 1 4 0 5	3 7 11 4 7 1	3 16 7 4 2 10	3 10 5 6 10 0	3 9 7 4 0 4	3 12 0	3 9 11	3 9 11	3 19 7	4 0 5	4 0 0	3 12 10
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	1947-48 1948-49	32 0 0	31 19 5	32 0 7	28 5 1	27 14 4	28 5 0	28 5 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 10 0	31 19 1	30 2 10

(a) Average price of total exports for the year.

(b) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	Septem- ber.	October.	Novem- ber.	Decem- ber.	January.	Febrary.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	55,990 98,170	20,408 31,627	25,998 29,302	64,379 83,565	68,059 103,337	77,974 119,095	103,974 ..	91,467 ..	84,724 ..	56,667 ..	69,866 ..	54,708 ..	774,223 ..
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c. ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	18,550 13,508	17,104 10,063	11,430 11,293	16,883 10,691	9,889 12,288	13,848 14,351	18,647 ..	13,234 ..	10,348 ..	9,873 ..	13,307 ..	10,516 ..	163,629 ..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	'000 No.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	1,295 474	477 589	499 525	1,368 588	628 1,027	1,295 674	1,255 ..	992 ..	1,637 ..	884 ..	355 ..	548 ..	11,233 ..
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	339 10,989	1,306 6,078	1,622 7,142	2,330 3,543	1,304 5,571	2,775 3,868	4,509 ..	8,918 ..	8,693 ..	11,552 ..	9,190 ..	7,636 ..	60,174 ..
Flour ..	'000cental	{ 1947-48 1948-49	1,299 1,674	634 1,779	1,321 2,199	1,865 1,251	473 1,523	1,440 931	1,162 ..	1,112 ..	1,610 ..	1,459 ..	1,254 ..	2,049 ..	15,687 ..
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	11,221 9,733	14,445 7,253	2,913 5,665	17,726 10,547	18,977 30,645	23,335 18,619	29,231 ..	18,074 ..	21,498 ..	13,974 ..	9,278 ..	4,102 ..	184,774 ..
Raisins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	14,696 22,320	12,018 12,921	4,091 17,662	2,746 6,483	2,407 3,220	3,291 941	738 ..	39 ..	349 ..	1,243 ..	7,850 ..	20,787 ..	70,255 ..
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	231 108	266 95	60 322	218 202	191 227	399 202	59 ..	77 ..	341 ..	185 ..	238 ..	423 ..	2,688 ..
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	24,303 58,352	42,630 29,376	32,477 29,492	32,822 15,743	31,047 6,123	5,154 11,980	6,768 ..	1,862 ..	7,860 ..	1,089 ..	12,518 ..	39,120 ..	237,150 ..
Lamb Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	1,393 250	7,023 284	3,019 632	8,421 5,372	30,556 7,953	19,541 9,968	19,761 ..	6,140 ..	3,744 ..	2,113 ..	940 ..	433 ..	103,089 ..
Mutton Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	751 534	3,573 331	1,588 451	983 144	951 630	1,325 1,447	2,845 ..	961 ..	1,710 ..	2,529 ..	1,601 ..	577 ..	19,394 ..
Tallow (Inedible)	'000 cwt.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	3 9	10 6	6 9	10 8	2 7	2 13	8 ..	10 ..	3 ..	4 ..	5 ..	6 ..	69 ..
Lead (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	240 118	160 345	209 162	253 71	172 456	252 162	154 ..	61 ..	89 ..	183 ..	217 ..	265 ..	2,255 ..
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc. ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1947-48 1948-49	101 18	2 187	26 51	35 23	7 ..	41 152	.. ..	44 ..	33 ..	78 ..	43 ..	90 ..	500 ..
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	{ 1947-48 1948-49	1 11	2 39	.. 44	5 49	16 39	15 70	9 ..	10 ..	.. ..	5 ..	.. ..	37 ..	100 ..

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	367	480	802	1,720
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	248	302	416	488
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	1	5	1	5
Potted or Concentrated	23	3	46	12
Sausage Casings	103	105	278	139
Other .....	..	2	1	2
Milk and Cream .....	..	..	8	2
Other Animal Foodstuffs	45	56	77	98
Total, Class I.	787	961	1,623	2,475
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter	53	165	137	388
Cocoa and Chocolate	31	172	840	908
Coffee and Chicory	26	68	88	238
Confectionery	1	91	3	158
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	89	68	91	74
Fresh	1	1	1	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	2	10	3	12
Ginger	3	3	10	5
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	26	27	175	354
Prepared	9	3	10	2
Liquorice	10	13	21	21
Nuts, Edible	222	139	445	348
Pickles and Sauces	9	12	11	23
Sago and Tapioca	125	38	286	74
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	11	9	32	12
Spices	96	76	276	160
Sugar and Sugar Products	15	15	24	31
Tea	2,410	1,920	4,415	3,601
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	81	38	139	62
Total, Class II.	3,220	2,868	7,007	6,472
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter	7	51	11	95
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	24	27	29	58
Gin	1	16	16	24
Rum	3	3	5	5
Whisky	113	123	254	218
Other including Liqueurs and Bitters	16	21	19	41
Wine—				
Fermented	19	32	26	47
Other .....	..	7	..	10
Total, Class III.	183	280	360	498

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	228	831
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	38	90
Unmanufactured	749	1,234
Total, Class IV.	1,015	2,155
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.	23	110
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews	3	..
Gut—Imitation and Natural	49	5
Hair and Fibre	165	102
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	84	17
Sheep	22	13
Other	459	231
Silk, Raw	75	180
Wool	124	101
Other Animal Substances	48	54
Total, Class VI.	1,029	703
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	150	251
Cork and Cork Manufactures	56	88
Fibres—				
Cotton, Raw	830	1,433
Flax, Hemp, &c.	138	170
Kapok	102	160
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments	11	151
Other	243	94
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	26	31
Gums and Resins	297	146
Plastic Materials	409	444
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	61	62
Linseed	444	832
Other	10	50
Tanning Substances	141	53
Other Vegetable Substances	55	38
Total, Class VII.	2,973	4,003
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	230	51
Corn and Flour	2,783	2,776
Woolpacks	1,107	594
Other	50	35
Cordage and Twines	58	172
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	221	493
Yarns—				
Cotton	870	958
Rayon	821	1,115
Silk	4	1
Wool	9	65
Other	53	89
Total, Class VIII. (a)	6,206	6,349

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings ..	1,190	2,105	2,443	4,425
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	94	54	196	107
Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths ..	515	436	902	1,127
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	334	283	578	685
Cotton and Linen	6,955	7,181	14,053	15,687
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	801	525	1,154	1,276
Silk, including Rayon	4,605	3,679	11,610	8,749
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	197	146	563	342
Woollens	223	969	438	1,706
Other	345	578	747	1,096
Quilts, Bed-linen, &c.	93	93	164	195
Towels and Towelling	223	532	392	1,155
Other Textiles	202	202	361	425
Total, Class VIII. (b)	15,777	16,783	33,601	36,975
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.—				
Not knitted	43	75	87	140
Knitted	39	208	70	352
Boots and Shoes	64	267	104	438
Buttons	46	36	97	68
Furs and Other Skins	9	18	17	30
Gloves	194	133	348	278
Hats and Caps	100	147	210	338
Socks and Stockings	54	730	78	1,238
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	9	78	18	149
Trimmings and Ornaments	723	552	1,464	1,129
Other Apparel and Attire	257	443	556	790
Total, Class VIII. (c)	1,538	2,687	3,049	4,950
Total, Class VIII.	23,521	25,819	47,173	55,097
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	203	153	482	354
Oils—				
Kerosene	996	1,131	1,866	2,265
Linseed	608	741	1,189	1,486
Lubricating (Mineral)	959	655	2,190	1,769
Olive	73	74	77	214
Petroleum	4,305	5,003	8,200	10,055
Residual	1,614	2,517	2,663	4,939
Turpentine and Substitutes	112	138	173	264
Other	608	687	1,251	1,252
Total, Class IX.	9,478	11,099	18,091	22,598
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	347	395	728	861
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	11	6	22	16
Total, Class X.	358	401	750	877

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	..	231	124	512
Stones—				270
Abrasives	..	78	89	132
Other	..	8	11	19
Other Minerals, &c.	..	357	534	755
				1,044
Total, Class XI.	..	674	758	1,418
				1,572
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	..	104	83	222
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	..	32	242	129
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	..	25	38	52
Iron and Steel—				76
Bars, Rods, &c.	..	150	239	296
Beams, Girders, Joists, &c.	4	..
Pig and Scrap	1
Pipes and Tubes	..	74	75	111
Plate and Sheet—				153
Galvanised	2
Plain	..	219	211	507
Tinned	..	934	1,554	2,263
Nails	..	19	17	46
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	..	9	..	9
Wire	..	86	151	210
Lamps and Lampware	..	51	108	96
Leaf and Foil	..	92	110	201
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	..	116	132	230
Platedware and Cutlery	..	435	332	973
Tools of Trade	..	578	507	1,033
Vehicles—				1,070
Aircraft and Parts	..	256	610	639
Cycles and Cycle Parts	..	163	160	313
Motor Vehicles—				338
Bodies and Parts	..	300	1,061	436
Chassis and Parts	..	2,910	6,544	6,292
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	..	282	491	558
Other Vehicles and Parts	..	229	259	477
Other Metals and Manufactures	..	1,272	2,041	2,580
				3,865
Total, Class XII. (a)	..	8,336	14,969	17,674
				30,554
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	..	22	26	43
Cable and Wire, covered	..	264	881	477
Dynamo Electric Machines	..	372	814	824
Lamps, Filament	..	85	139	184
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	..	363	808	617
Other Electrical Appliances	..	962	1,238	2,160
				2,506
Total, Class XII. (b)	..	2,068	3,906	4,305
				8,098

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. ..	209	230	369	461
Dairying	99	126	172	262
Metal-working	1,103	675	2,078	1,538
Mining	228	269	405	483
Motive power (except Electric)	1,858	3,065	3,824	5,626
Printing	234	322	387	595
Machines—				
Sewing	262	526	566	916
Sheep-shearing	14	11	22	22
Weighing	29	34	53	85
Textile-working and Appliances	362	684	714	1,327
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	315	331	604	699
Other Machines and Machinery	1,673	2,422	3,450	4,736
Total, Class XII. (c)	6,386	8,695	12,644	16,750
Total, Class XII.	16,790	27,570	34,623	55,402
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c.				
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	246	130	578	296
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	43	403	82	677
Other	117	141	228	276
Total, Class XIII. (a)	869	1,706	2,118	3,406
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	83	53	162	131
Leather Manufactures, &c.	17	35	44	61
Total, Class XIII. (b)	100	88	206	192
Total, Class XIII.	969	1,794	2,324	3,598
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	29	417	99	644
Undressed	745	1,247	2,025	2,520
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	173	209	317	417
Total, Class XIV.	947	1,873	2,441	3,581
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS, CHINA, ETC.				
Crockery and Household Ware	524	739	1,068	1,602
Glass and Glassware	762	612	1,495	1,394
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	231	504	517	1,009
Total, Class XV.	1,517	1,855	3,080	4,005

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.				
Paper—				
Parchment		97	1	176
Printing	2,288	1,297	4,253	2,394
Wrapping	387	689	809	1,336
Writing and Typewriting	515	411	903	961
Other Paper	440	331	870	711
Pulp for Paper-making	624	317	1,277	1,290
Millboards and other Boards	486	318	828	647
Total, Class XVI. (a)	4,740	3,460	8,941	7,515
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	645	677	1,327	1,264
Pens and Pencils	452	330	736	601
Price Lists, Catalogues, Circulars, &c.	30	40	52	89
Other Stationery	367	323	738	704
Total, Class XVI. (b)	1,494	1,370	2,853	2,658
Total, Class XVI.	6,234	4,830	11,794	10,173
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Articles for Games	80	96	137	211
Fancy Goods—				
Toys, &c.	177	231	378	447
Other	217	264	442	503
Precious Stones, unset	140	195	281	463
Jewellery	123	143	225	322
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	307	348	567	673
Total, Class XVII.	1,044	1,277	2,030	2,619
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	193	217	356	480
Instruments—				
Optical and Meteorological	161	205	299	379
Surgical and Dental	49	294	85	593
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c.	242	249	548	420
Other Instruments	352	549	665	1,007
Total, Class XVIII.	997	1,514	1,953	2,879
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	68	73	160	153
Argol	17	16	20	19
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	1	..	23	..
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	29	26	71	98
Drugs, and Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	236	252	552	507
Other	162	156	400	282
Dyes	219	433	403	879
Fertilizers	748	702	1,455	1,364
Insecticides, Disinfectants, &c., Washes and Dips	22	12	48	29
Oils, Essential (non-spirituos)	137	61	237	129
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	133	97	253	181

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—continued.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Potassium Salts	44	23	76	77
Salt	19	29	36	58
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	25	116	69	219
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	13	109	32	235
Other	85	70	184	191
Spiritous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	21	7	34	14
Other	54	17	84	106
Other Drugs and Chemicals	789	843	1,550	1,588
Total, Class XIX.	2,822	3,042	5,687	6,129
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	376	1,083	781	1,544
Articles of Celluloid, and Celluloid Sheets, &c.	84	42	177	70
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	97	102	197	203
Brushware	93	77	200	149
Goods imported per parcel post	44	51	89	99
Musical Instruments, &c.	89	126	162	266
Outside Packages	1,493	1,797	3,082	3,715
Packings for Engines	98	123	192	258
Passengers' Effects	430	498	781	963
Vessels (Ships), including Fittings	12	449	13	510
All other Articles	132	225	238	380
Total, Class XX.	2,948	4,573	5,912	8,157
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	407	535	855	680
Silver, including silver in matte	5	7	11	8
Total, Class XXI.	412	542	866	688
TOTAL IMPORTS.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	35,041	42,089	71,668	85,583
Victoria	27,273	34,367	55,985	71,435
Queensland	4,620	7,796	9,772	15,818
South Australia	6,164	7,273	11,166	14,358
Western Australia	3,969	5,002	7,402	10,586
Tasmania	803	1,499	1,657	2,851
Northern Territory	71	1	96	88
Total { Merchandise	77,566	97,485	156,880	200,031
Bullion and Specie	375	542	866	688
GRAND TOTAL	77,941	98,027	157,746	200,719

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—continued.

EXPORTS.

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	5,765	7,660	8,480	10,288
Margarine	5	154	45	273
Cheese	916	1,115	1,644	1,762
Eggs	2,422	2,584	2,988	3,514
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	222	445	520	679
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	137	179	297	395
Potted or Concentrated	121	178	248	343
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	1,770	1,088	4,333	4,383
Lamb	2,164	891	2,562	953
Mutton	74	59	254	112
Pork	48	93	128	254
Rabbits and Hares	348	350	845	1,543
Preserved in Tins	1,585	1,937	3,137	4,392
Sausage Casings	107	111	163	181
Other	688	841	1,589	1,948
Milk and Cream	1,605	1,965	2,368	2,697
Other Animal Foodstuffs	237	590	757	1,017
Total, Class I.	18,214	20,240	30,358	34,734
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	65	28	171	47
Biscuits	39	556	93	700
Confectionery	222	170	458	278
Fodders	107	70	193	226
Fruit Juices and Syrups	61	283	254	788
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	52	19	145	283
Raisins	231	334	1,000	1,796
Other	43	177	207	225
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	97	51	402	600
Citrus	246	288	462	405
Other	7	8	35	39
Fruits, preserved in liquid	646	1,273	1,660	2,509
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	222	410	581	745
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	82	996	230	2,853
Oats	331	2,394	334	4,747
Wheat	4,662	10,551	6,737	31,832
Other	79	134	298	401
Prepared—				
Breakfast Foods	538	1,626	1,230	2,868
Flour (Wheaten)	7,014	8,054	13,188	20,281
Rice	305	523	578	803
Other	363	132	510	865
Jams and Fruit Jellies	800	837	1,525	1,330
Sugar	1,061	5,120	1,148	8,129
Tea	26	29	46	64
Vegetables—				
Dried, &c.	96	3	379	7
Fresh	234	126	493	308
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	167	558	386	924
Total, Class II.	17,796	34,750	32,743	84,053

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.	f.o.b.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	..	20	12	44
Spirits (Beverages)	..	140	169	319
Wine	..	381	344	636
Total, Class III.	..	541	525	999
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	..	7	24	18
Tobacco	..	38	105	81
Total, Class IV.	..	45	129	99
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	..	16	10	42
Horses	..	90	23	150
Sheep	..	36	60	78
Other Animals	..	11	8	27
Total, Class V.	..	153	101	297
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews	..	..	1	..
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	..	78	464	140
Fox	..	4	3	6
Kangaroo and Wallaby	..	143	195	224
Opossum	..	5	3	12
Rabbit	..	757	658	2,656
Sheep	..	2,439	1,738	3,706
Other	..	15	2	23
Pearl-shell	..	126	198	260
Trochus-shell	..	6	19	27
Wool—				
Greasy	..	29,602	57,990	40,667
Scoured and Tops	..	7,070	8,434	14,931
Other Animal Substances	..	52	57	107
Total, Class VI.	..	40,297	69,762	62,759
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	..	..	..	45
Fibres	..	123	13	216
Seeds	..	62	70	135
Tanning Substances	..	63	81	100
Other Vegetable Substances	..	22	68	49
Total, Class VII.	..	270	232	500
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES; TEXTILES; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	..	1,157	368	1,518
Piece Goods	..	1,354	372	1,893
Other Textiles	..	154	124	387
Boots and Shoes	..	99	15	178
Other Apparel and Attire	..	341	277	963
Total, Class VIII.	..	3,105	1,156	4,939
				2,166

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948.	1947-48.	1948-49.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	154	356	277	535
Oils	255	162	498	372
Tallow, unrefined	125	234	261	404
Total, Class IX.	534	752	1,036	1,311
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES..	109	135	289	262
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	22	15	54	48
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	82	311	101	1,003
Zinc	687	658	1,025	1,122
Other	700	467	1,426	890
Other Rocks and Minerals	30	76	61	116
Total, Class XI.	1,521	1,527	2,667	3,179
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	623	614	1,378	1,418
Lead—Pig and in Matte	4,350	6,854	7,746	11,070
Metal Scrap	5	59	6	91
Tin Ingots	7	..	12	4
Vehicles	229	221	761	549
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	338	769	884	1,637
Other Metals and Manufactures	890	701	1,914	1,641
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	228	394	567	741
Machines and Machinery	1,379	1,200	2,871	2,842
Total, Class XII.	8,049	10,812	16,139	19,993
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	97	33	269	67
Leather	391	399	831	764
Leather Manufactures, &c.	25	28	54	45
Total, Class XIII.	513	460	1,154	876
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	336	539	773	937
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	32	52	81	93
Total, Class XIV.	368	591	854	1,030
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE-WARE	98	110	303	226
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	22	37	61	95
Stationery	199	200	412	370
Total, Class XVI.	221	237	473	465

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—*continued.*

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months.	
	1947.	1948	1947-48.	1948-49.
£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	9	65	16	66
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c. . .	96	71	208	130
Total, Class XVII. . .	105	136	224	196
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c. . .	41	52	76	98
Photographic Goods, &c. . .	54	59	167	135
Talking Machines, &c. . .	18	27	39	41
Other Instruments . . .	57	130	147	193
Total, Class XVIII. . .	170	268	429	467
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	4	11	7	12
Medicines	243	382	565	602
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	73	43	175	77
Other	25	16	48	38
Perfumery and Preparations	67	61	152	146
Other Drugs and Chemicals	434	379	878	709
Total, Class XIX.	846	892	1,825	1,584
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives . . .	261	471	508	1,239
Goods Exported per parcel post . . .	73	141	125	218
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands . . .	30	61	70	127
Personal and Household Effects . . .	136	202	354	357
Vessels transferred abroad . . .	39	218	209	332
All other Articles	393	346	689	592
Total, Class XX.	932	1,439	1,955	2,865
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	3,828	2	3,831	2
Silver, including Silver in matte . . .	291	414	660	893
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	..	..	35
Total, Class XXI.	4,119	416	4,491	930
TOTAL EXPORTS.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	27,460	49,165	48,594	88,390
Victoria	28,362	34,195	48,871	61,835
Queensland	14,670	26,332	24,448	53,020
South Australia	11,850	20,825	20,140	37,450
Western Australia	14,392	12,180	19,808	22,267
Tasmania	1,248	1,972	2,636	3,946
Northern Territory	24	1	36	19
Total { Australian Produce . . .	95,433	143,534	160,843	264,043
Other Produce . . .	2,573	1,136	3,690	2,884
Total { Merchandise . . .	93,887	144,254	160,042	265,997
Bullion and Specie . . .	4,119	416	4,491	930
GRAND TOTAL . . .	98,006	144,670	164,533	266,927
Value of Australian Gold Production . . .	2,512	2,478	5,403	5,222

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.

QUANTITY.

	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1938-39 ..	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164	
1944-45 ..	937,391	335,138	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818	
1945-46 ..	1,376,113	327,662	117,138	1,107,913	565,747	307,729	
1946-47 ..	1,336,423	535,553	66,490	1,803,385	1,643,029	187,053	
1947-48 ..	1,847,738	509,445	54,835	2,371,501	1,224,829	37,281	
1948-49 (six months) ..	824,624	262,259	41,666	1,510,659	279,953	46,320	

VALUE.

	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1938-39 ..	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882	
1944-45 ..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437	
1945-46 ..	12,272	1,689	1,039	2,834	1,540	1,205	
1946-47 ..	12,570	2,643	578	4,582	4,544	844	
1947-48 ..	20,629	3,253	533	6,192	4,248	208	
1948-49 (six months) ..	10,288	1,758	395	4,383	1,065	254	

QUANTITY.

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)
1938-39 ..	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.	Bushels.	Centals.	Centals.	Centals.
1944-45 ..	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,933,845	708,812
1945-46 ..	1,734,008	18,569	217,067	32,391,450	11,194,989	4,967,171	816,654
1946-47 ..	880,989	30,721	367,344	12,484,156	10,377,511	7,113,581	945,167
1947-48 ..	915,144	41,890	716,887	12,175,543	15,301,958	10,194,503	1,908,254
1948-49 (6 months) ..	928,030	39,561	847,967	60,173,560	15,687,411	7,742,229	1,635,748
	759,179	33,165	716,367	37,357,555	9,357,126	4,650,961	721,904

VALUE.

	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
1938-39 ..	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1944-45 ..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46 ..	1,951	198	892	6,223	11,337	56,390	12,870
1946-47 ..	2,157	273	2,114	6,338	22,535	96,830	29,274
1947-48 ..	2,264	279	2,763	52,813	31,823	118,617	30,121
1948-49 (6 months) ..	2,079	225	2,509	31,832	20,281	87,168	16,111

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM EACH STATE TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

July-December 1947-48 and 1948-49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948-49.	1947-48.
BUTTER.								
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	882	31,150	30,976	3,414	3,498	1,634	71,554	8,691
Australian Territories	142	4	40	..	..	..	186	26
Ceylon	161	358	390	..	..	..	909	114
Hong Kong	503	53	27	..	..	..	583	77
India	3	68	4	..	..	..	75	10
Malaya, Federation of	26	256	34	..	..	..	316	49
Malta	..	269	179	..	..	..	448	54
Singapore	47	583	52	..	430	..	1,112	142
Trinidad and Tobago	319	458	4	277	..	..	1,058	138
Other British Countries	382	3,363	277	65	3	..	4,090	687
Egypt	34	194	213	..	..	..	441	65
Japan	22	..	..	..	..	..	22	2
Palestine	..	85	504	..	..	..	589	82
Other Foreign Countries	261	674	144	..	..	..	1,079	151
Total—6 Mths—								
Quantity—								
1948-49 ..	2,782	37,515	32,844	3,756	3,931	1,634	82,462	..
1947-48 ..	4,252	43,776	31,157	5,431	3,224	750	..	88,590
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Value—								
1948-49 ..	365	4,915	3,937	419	448	204	..	10,238
1947-48 ..	418	4,247	2,987	504	251	73	..	8,480

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
CHEESE.									
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	22	10,881	2,777	7,138	401	..	21,219	1,371	17,899
Ceylon	29	526	..	34	..	..	589	37	282
Hong Kong	28	386	33	..	..	..	447	29	254
India	34	275	38	43	..	..	390	37	379
Malaya, Federation of	12	199	16	..	..	..	227	16	65
Malta	58	132	11	..	..	..	201	19	963
Singapore	82	51	35	..	1	..	169	18	100
Union of South Africa	4	..	5	..	..	..	9	1	87
West Indies	173	303	64	32	..	..	572	47	6
Other British Countries	104	302	527	79	..	..	1,012	81	1,072
Egypt	5	10	63	..	..	..	78	6	2,690
French Dependencies	34	..	6	..	..	..	40	4	161
Japan	8	9	..	..	..	..	17	2	135
Palestine	..	80	..	..	..	..	80	9	1,659
Philippines Republic	34	18	139	..	..	..	191	19	293
Other Foreign Countries	27	826	132	..	..	..	985	62	300
Total—6 Mths—									
Quantity—									
1948-49 ..	654	13,998	3,846	7,326	402	..	26,226	..	..
1947-48 ..	1,266	13,393	1,153	9,804	729	..	..	..	26,345
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Value—									
1948-49 ..	61	963	273	484	27	..	..	1,758	..
1947-48 ..	98	848	93	559	38	..	..	..	1,636

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July—December 1947–48 and 1948–49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Aus-tralia.	Western Aus-tralia.	Tas-mania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948–49.	1947–49.

BACON AND HAMS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	48	872	278	..	..	..	1,198	161
Australian Territories	28	8	78	..	..	..	114	14
Ceylon	7	24	12	45	..	..	88	10
Hong Kong	147	22	320	25	..	..	514	64
India	..	7	..	..	..	..	7	1
Malaya, Federation of	3	3	19	4	3	..	32	4
Singapore	115	128	124	21	290	..	678	78
Other British Countries	365	126	306	35	7	..	839	98
Egypt	68	34	127	34	..	..	263	29
Japan	42	..	..	..	..	..	42	4
Other Foreign Countries	101	37	211	20	23	..	392	48
Total—6 Mths—Quantity—								
1948–49 ..	924	1,261	1,475	184	323	..	4,167	..
1947–48 ..	871	916	536	210	579	..	..	3,112
Value—								
1948–49 ..	109	77	159	18	32	..	..	395
1947–48 ..	86	94	48	22	47	..	..	297

BEEF (INCLUDING VEAL)—FROZEN AND CHILLED.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	2,079	447	112,624	..	13,311	..	128,461	3,556
Ceylon	289	16	84	..	..	..	389	16
Gibraltar	..	..	1,649	..	..	..	1,649	46
Hong Kong	790	..	3,980	..	..	..	4,770	148
Malta ..	512	..	3,989	..	..	..	4,501	125
Singapore	204	56	2,779	28	1,203	..	4,270	142
Trinidad and Tobago ..	294	129	944	239	..	..	1,606	74
Other British Countries	510	108	1,123	..	18	..	1,759	95
Egypt	168	..	1,831	..	..	..	1,999	83
Japan	83	..	10	..	..	..	93	4
Other Foreign Countries	132	1,118	319	..	..	..	1,569	94
Total—6 Mths—Quantity—								
1948–49 ..	5,061	1,874	120,332	267	14,532	..	151,066	..
1947–48 ..	7,251	2,924	150,622	341	6,795	..	..	167,933
Value—								
1948–49 ..	184	97	3,756	12	334	..	..	4,383
1947–48 ..	223	88	3,862	10	150	..	..	4,333

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued*.

July—December 1947—48 and 1948—49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948—49.	1947—48.

MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	8,222	5,539	8	6,138	3,536	..	23,443	855	73,985
Ceylon ..	44	284	47	..	..	..	375	20	733
Singapore ..	247	508	13	268	156	..	1,192	52	1,371
Other British Countries ..	758	885	360	166	10	..	2,179	98	1,230
Japan ..	29	..	..	..	..	..	29	2	1,401
Other Foreign Countries ..	534	243	..	..	..	..	777	38	600
Total—6 Mths—									
Quantity—									
1948—49 ..	9,834	7,459	428	6,572	3,702	..	27,995	..	..
1947—48 ..	12,028	46,014	487	12,358	8,381	52	..	..	79,320
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Value—									
1948—49 ..	377	290	14	257	127	..	..	1,065	..
1947—48 ..	420	1,699	15	464	216	2	..	..	2,816

PORK.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	310	338	2,243	..	138	..	3,029	148	1,514
Other British Countries ..	149	84	399	38	245	..	915	59	377
Egypt ..	..	14	501	25	..	..	540	38	379
Japan ..	31	..	3	..	..	..	34	2	76
Other Foreign Countries ..	2	23	89	..	..	..	114	7	..
Total—6 Mths—									
Quantity—									
1948—49 ..	492	459	3,235	63	383	..	4,632	..	..
1947—48 ..	363	815	283	451	434	..	..	..	2,346
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.		£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Value—									
1948—49 ..	38	31	159	4	22	..	..	254	..
1947—48 ..	20	53	17	25	13	..	..	..	128

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued.*

July—December, 1947—48 and 1948—49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948—49.	1947—48.

DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom	3,100	..	803	162	..	4,065	80	4,330
Canada	4,824	..	1,365	..	..	6,189	154	1,268
New Zealand	883	..	435	..	..	1,318	31	1,159
Other British Countries	12	101	..	137	482	..	732	17
Egypt	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries	7	51	..	..	..	..	58	1
Total—6 Mths—Quantity—								
1948—49	19	8,959	..	2,740	644	..	12,362	..
1947—48	19	3,024	..	1,100	2,985	..	..	7,128
Value—								
1948—49	1	200	..	67	15	..	..	283
1947—48	1	61	..	23	60	..	..	145

DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (INCLUDING SULTANAS AND LEXIAS).

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom	18,694	..	2,314	..	..	21,008	501	28,625
Canada	29,262	..	2,844	..	..	32,106	960	890
Ceylon	12	245	..	102	192	..	551	14
New Zealand	..	7,262	..	954	..	..	8,216	253
Other British Countries	13	346	..	94	1	..	454	19
Egypt	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..
Other Foreign Countries	11	1,188	..	18	..	..	1,217	49
Total—6 Mths—Quantity—								
1948—49	36	56,997	..	6,330	193	..	63,556	..
1947—48	107	34,542	..	4,598	3	..	..	39,250
Value—								
1948—49	2	1,592	..	198	4	..	..	1,796
1947—48	5	844	..	151	..	..	..	1,000

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—*continued.*

July—December 1947—48 and 1948—49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948—49.	1947—48.

DRIED TREE FRUITS.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	19	..	..	294	9	1,572	1,600	101	1,834
New Zealand	359	..	..	..	..	..	653	47	263
Other British Countries	233	118	8	23	33	..	415	27	447
Palestine	..	15	..	..	..	..	15	2	159
Other Foreign Countries	63	45	..	31	19	476	634	48	237
Total—6 Mths.—									
Quantity—									
1948—49 ..	674	178	8	348	61	2,048	3,317	..	..
1947—48 ..	301	416	4	465	186	1,568	..	..	2,940
Value—									
1948—49 ..	48	13	1	26	5	132	..	225	..
1947—48 ..	21	28	..	31	17	95	..	..	192

FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.

	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.
United Kingdom	8,323	43,354	10	659	..	39	52,385	1,738	44,251
Canada	722	2,684	3,715	18	..	..	7,139	316	..
Ire	..	85	..	..	..	..	85	4	500
Malaya, Federation of	32	216	..	85	5	4	342	13	646
New Zealand	1,186	3,676	215	59	..	..	5,136	179	3,458
Singapore	176	948	5	5	32	199	1,365	52	1,471
Other British Countries	422	1,247	291	108	4	64	2,136	84	1,255
Egypt	58	384	91	62	1	3	599	20	884
Palestine	9	326	11	..	..	..	346	13	376
Other Foreign Countries	225	1,138	551	8	15	167	2,104	90	1,260
Total—6 Mths.—									
Quantity—									
1948—49 ..	11,153	54,058	4,889	1,004	57	476	71,637	..	..
1947—48 ..	7,552	43,178	1,933	1,296	41	101	..	..	54,101
Value—									
1948—49 ..	421	1,770	258	37	2	21	..	2,509	..
1947—48 ..	231	1,312	64	42	1	3	..	..	1,653

Principal Agricultural, &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July-December 1947-48 and 1948-49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948-49.	1947-49.
WHEAT.								
United Kingdom	9,486	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 bushels.
Cyprus	1,337	1,567	..	1,188	3,027	..	15,868	13,621
Eire	1,344	512	123	4,038	1,851	..	280	252
New Zealand	1,466	335	849	947	..	..	1,337	1,416
Rhodesia	..	..	..	..	..	..	7,868	7,457
Southern Union of South Africa	1,623	..	..	288	..	..	3,597	5,341
Other British Countries	4	9	..	3	28	..	1,260	2,357
Belgium	703	..	..	..	..	..	306	313
Egypt	604	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
France	613	..	..	..	345	..	952	..
French Dependencies—Tunisia	334	..	..	..	..	..	334	355
Iraq	..	345	..	..	..	..	345	293
Italy	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	4
Japan	719	..	..	..	..	..	719	479
Lebanon	185	..	..	..	..	..	185	17
Netherlands	352	..	..	..	..	..	352	372
Persia (Iran)	105	..	..	1,267	..	..	1,372	1,234
Sweden	746	..	..	..	..	..	746	766
Other Foreign Countries	2	11	..	117	..	..	130	118
Total—6 Mths—								
Quantity—								
1948-49	19,628	2,779	972	8,128	5,851	..	37,358	..
1947-48	607	2,476	..	2,344	4,249	..	..	9,676
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	..	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
Value—								
1948-49	16,905	2,220	422	7,106	5,179	..	31,832	..
1947-48	502	2,019	..	931	3,285	..	..	6,737

FLOUR.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	
							£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.
FLOUR.								
United Kingdom	966	772	..	795	199	..	2,732	5,745
Aden	203	99	..	..	398	..	700	1,473
Ceylon	612	379	..	206	436	..	1,633	3,438
Hong Kong	32	16	..	2	..	..	50	105
India	..	289	..	410	34	..	733	1,659
Malaya, Federation of	264	711	..	3	157	..	1,165	2,651
Mauritius	112	..	..	79	..	..	191	367
Pacific Islands	119	..	..	..	..	..	119	238
Other British Countries	171	91	71	1	87	..	421	830
Burma	67	56	..	..	..	..	123	358
Brazil	190	..	..	..	..	..	190	510
Egypt	43	424	..	189	..	..	656	1,383
French Dependencies—								
Indo-China	26	..	34	..	..	..	60	146
Madagascar	..	51	..	..	..	..	51	150
Reunion Islands	23	27	..	..	..	..	50	127
Other	95	2	..	..	..	..	97	208
Greece	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	98
Lebanon	..	43	..	..	216	..	259	611
Other Foreign Countries	117	10	..	..	..	..	127	282
Total—6 Mths—								
Quantity—								
1948-49	3,040	2,970	105	1,715	1,527	..	9,357	..
1947-48	1,067	2,984	..	1,487	1,495	..	..	7,033
	£A'000. f.o.b.	..	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.				
Value—								
1948-49	6,495	6,642	233	3,629	3,282	..	20,281	..
1947-48	1,968	5,610	..	2,765	2,845	..	..	13,188

Principal Agricultural. &c., Produce of Australian Origin Exported from each State to Various Countries—continued.

July—December 1947—48 and 1948—49.

Country to which Exported.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia—Six Months.	
							1948—49.	1947—48.

WOOL—GREASY.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	544	282	325	219	159	...	1,529	27,818
Canada	2	8	1	1	3	...	15	300
New Zealand	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	34
Other British Countries	6	...	...	...	...	...	6	81
Belgium	265	29	119	16	42	...	471	6,961
Czechoslovakia	...	3	1	...	...	...	4	95
Denmark	1	1	1	...	...	...	3	58
France	529	196	271	115	107	1	1,219	20,792
Germany	8	9	8	2	1	...	28	608
Italy	224	100	87	35	31	...	477	8,971
Japan	28	8	28	...	...	...	64	1,503
Netherlands	12	11	18	3	...	...	44	1,099
Poland	36	30	34	20	9	...	129	3,117
Soviet Russia—								
Baltic Ports	26	1	1	...	...	...	28	709
Black Sea Ports	11	89	39	14	16	...	169	3,758
Pacific Coast Ports	4	16	4	...	...	...	24	676
Spain	1	1	1	...	2	...	5	125
Sweden	2	5	1	2	1	...	10	221
Switzerland	6	5	7	4	1	...	23	424
Turkey	6	4	10	...	2	...	22	631
United States of America	72	53	141	36	37	...	339	8,312
Other Foreign Countries	15	14	8	1	2	...	40	875
Total—6 Mths—Quantity								
1948—49	1,763	881	1,118	475	413	1	4,651	...
1947—48	1,351	551	612	320	292	2	..	3,128
Value—								
1948—49	29,436	17,088	23,731	8,708	8,172	33	..	87,168
1947—48	15,851	7,600	8,270	4,401	4,517	28	..	40,667

WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.

	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.
United Kingdom	66	46	46	25	34	13	230	4,907
Canada	14	24	3	17	4	2	64	1,407
Hong Kong	1	2	..	1	..	..	4	164
India	23	..	1	..	..	24	501	27
Other British Countries	1	4	..	1	..	..	6	144
Belgium	21	8	6	4	2	..	41	637
China	5	8	3	1	..	..	17	594
Denmark	3	12	..	1	..	..	16	380
Egypt	1	3	1	..	..	..	5	179
France	51	32	23	22	11	2	141	3,284
Italy	20	16	5	7	3	..	51	957
Mexico	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	67
Netherlands	6	1	..	3	1	..	11	240
Norway	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	54
Sweden	4	13	..	13	1	..	31	535
Switzerland	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19
Turkey	1	2	1	..	..	..	4	101
United States of America	19	17	3	4	1	1	45	1,071
Other Foreign Countries	10	7	8	4	..	..	29	876
Total—6 Mths—Quantity								
1948—49	224	220	99	104	57	18	722	..
1947—48	655	135	22	3	32	29	..	876
Value—								
1948—49	4,656	4,765	2,872	2,391	1,144	283	..	16,111
1947—48	10,750	2,219	397	45	1,103	408	..	14,922

Section V.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Six months ended December, 1948.
TAXATION—					
Customs	£'000. 31,161	£'000. 28,894	£'000. 45,871	£'000. 57,597	£'000. 31,046
Excise	16,472	49,067	56,375	58,008	31,714
Sales Tax	9,308	33,600	36,265	34,728	19,871
Flour Tax	1,809	1,779	1,747	985	1
Land Tax	1,489	3,782	3,679	3,641	307
Income Taxes(a)	11,883	214,594	207,765	232,900	90,031
Pay-roll Tax .. .. ..	..	11,499	13,647	16,595	9,585
Gold Tax .. .. ..	..	383	556	11	—5
Estate Duty	1,915	3,880	4,019	4,555	2,033
Gift Duty .. .. ..	..	393	545	781	340
Entertainments Tax .. .. ..	..	5,070	5,138	5,198	2,466
Wool Levy(b)	74	270	12	..	..
Wool Contributory Charge(c) .. .. ..	..	..	4,497	1,424	478
Wheat Tax(c) .. .. ..	..	..	5,500	5,730	..
Stevedoring Industry Charge(c) .. .. ..	..	..	..	260	338
Total Taxation	74,111	353,211	385,616	422,413	188,205
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	28,455	29,802	31,390	16,427
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	331	769	692	754	387
Central Australia	188	711	395	384	243
North Australia	50	174	58	37	15
Australian Capital Territory	7	11	9	15	1
Total Railways	526	1,665	1,154	1,190	646
Total Business Undertakings	17,892	30,120	30,956	32,580	17,073
TERRITORIES(d)	356	508	571	666	354
OTHER REVENUE—					
Coinage	128	605	..	497	..
Defence	151	250	239	216	88
Civil Aviation	6	1,166	961	1,595	245
Health	18	14	16	14	8
Attorney-General	111	135	155	178	85
Commerce	6	11	24	—22	20
Shipping and Fuel	152	251	148	176	101
Net Profit, Note Issue	767	2,939	3,792	4,087	2,335
Other	1,367	1,570	(e) 8,778	(f) 3,505	18,211
Total	2,706	6,941	14,113	10,246	21,093
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	390,780	431,256	465,905	226,725
PER HEAD OF POPULATION(g) —					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 47 10 9	£ s. d. 51 5 7	£ s. d. 55 5 9	£ s. d. 24 8 2
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	4 1 1	4 2 4	4 5 3	2 4 3
Other	0 8 10	1 0 1	1 19 0	1 8 7	2 15 8
Total	13 14 2	52 11 11	57 6 11	60 19 7	29 8 1

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Paid to Trust Fund for assistance to industry concerned. (d) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (e) Includes £7,075,000 surplus from Wool Committee operations. (f) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £125,000, and Eggs—War-time Control surplus £650,000. (g) Based on mean population for each financial year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Six months ended December, 1948.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	5,703	10,328	21,127	34,027	16,086
New Works, n.e.i. (b) ..	3,835	3,857	3,172	3,170	2,414
National Welfare Fund and Social Services (c)	634	1,902	8,679	15,646	11,139
	16,428	46,499	64,647	88,043	36,996
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	9,665	8,959	9,039	9,032	4,603
War Pensions	8,227	9,121	9,302	9,564	5,627
Other Services	1,365	812	918	1,078	525
Total, War (1914-18), &c. ..	19,257	18,892	19,259	19,674	10,755
Defence, War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	..	41,538	46,070	48,233	24,374
War Pensions .. .. ..	..	4,915	6,762	7,604	4,233
Other Services (d)	(e) 8,855	178,525	141,870	124,210	60,463
	8,855	224,978	194,702	180,047	89,070
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	2,887	3,231	3,271	3,238	1,428
New Works	3,701	4,236	7,161	8,260	3,781
Other	12,141	21,544	23,485	28,933	16,902
Total Postmaster-General ..	18,729	29,011	33,917	40,431	22,111
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	525	533	532	507	212
New Works	142	94	114	148	69
Other	826	1,657	1,389	1,582	929
Total Railways	1,493	2,284	2,035	2,237	1,210
Total Business Undertakings ..	20,222	31,295	35,952	42,668	23,321
Territories (f)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments (a) ..	375	353	353	357	161
New Works	739	428	1,226	1,448	1,026
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	298	752	793	442
Australian Capital Territory	349	552	662	763	371
Papua-New Guinea	48	1	1,520	2,271	1,749
Norfolk Island	5	4	4	4	2
Total Territories	1,839	1,636	4,517	5,636	3,751
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debts (g) ..	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,793
Sinking Fund on States' Debts ..	1,478	1,616	1,636	1,732	924
Special Grants	2,020	(h) 3,549	(h) 6,881	6,042	3,375
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works ..	4,266	3,327	4,805	6,707	3,244
Tax Reimbursement Grants .. .. ..	..	33,521	39,464	44,588	21,377
Other	300	16	10	6	1
Total to or for the States ..	15,649	49,614	60,381	66,660	32,714
Primary Production—Self-balancing items..					
Grand Total	2,015	(i) 1,779	(i) 18,820	(i) 8,914	479
Per Head of Population (j) ..	94,437	390,780	431,256	464,485	226,725
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	13 12 5	52 11 11	57 6 11	60 15 11	29 8 1

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services, Business Undertakings and Territories. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 53. (d) Includes New Works. (e) Expenditure on the Defence Departments (Navy, Army and Air) and Department of Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). (f) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (g) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (h) Includes Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grants, 1945-46, £553,000; 1946-47, £2,133,000. (i) In addition, the following amounts for assistance to primary producers were provided under War Services:—1945-46, £19,755,000; 1946-47, £7,720,000; and 1947-48, £10,808,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

Item.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49 (6 months)
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Age and Invalid Pensions ..	15,992	26,962	29,417	36,526	19,392
Funeral Benefits ..	..	185	209	210	144
Child Endowment ..	..	18,019	19,863	19,426	10,842
Widows' Pensions ..	..	3,247	3,366	3,904	2,187
Maternity Allowances ..	437	2,493	3,026	2,854	1,445
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	1,144	1,650	1,217	509
Hospital Benefits ..	..	..	1,111	4,380	4,448
Tuberculosis Benefits ..	..	..	..	110	28
Pharmaceutical Benefits ..	..	..	..	..	27
Total	16,429	53,161	62,021	68,613	36,996

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	Total to 30th June, 1948.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war charges .. ..	..	266,040	152,948	37,894	..	372,990 1,578,163
Works and Services—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912	Cr. ..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	213
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	305	..	..	..	Cr. 165	7,698
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department ..	Cr. 1	..	..	..	Cr. 1	40,540
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	102
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways .. ..	..	Cr. 41	Cr. 7	Cr. 2	Cr. 4	13,761
Territories (b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 8	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 9	8,775
Other .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States—						
Housing .. ..	..	..	6,795	11,015	13,305	31,115
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	Cr. 50	6,779	11,001	13,126	141,449
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	265,990	150,727	48,895	13,126	2,092,602

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			£'000.	£'000.		
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	" "
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	" "
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,872	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,378	34,158	..	..	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,567	48,331	..	..	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,459	37,373	..	..	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	454,591	82,664	..	..	" "
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	432,389	101,805	..	..	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,533	126,408	..	..	" "
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	452,700	150,549	..	..	1948-49, 1950-60
26/9/44 to 4/11/44 ..	112,479	421,456	113,937	..	..	" "
13/3/45 to 27/4/45 ..	100,000	422,707	107,302	..	..	1949-50, 1950-61
25/9/45 to 15/11/45 ..	85,000	260,246	87,229	..	..	" "
12/3/46 to 16/4/46 ..	70,000	193,431	78,470	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58
15/10/46 to 15/11/46 ..	64,020	194,872	61,270	8,500	2, 3½	" "
15/4/47 to 21/4/47 ..	25,000	72,271	7,459	22,365	2, 3½	1950, 1956-59
29/10/47 to 15/11/47 ..	48,000	95,506	21,616	39,612	3½	1956-1959
14/4/48 to 5/5/48 ..	35,000	86,497	6,625	36,673	..	1957-1960
8/9/48 to 22/10/48 ..	15,000	85,048	..	15,000	..	1959-62
Total	1,207,799	..	1,141,831	148,639	..	..

(a) Excludes Redemption and Conversion Loans.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1948, see page 63.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1948.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1948.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1948.		Pensions Paid during 1947-48. (a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.						
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales (c)	123,763	33,110	156,873	407	109	71 9	72 11	15,061,067	99 8
Victoria ..	78,057	15,165	93,222	374	73	71 9	72 6	9,144,961	88 5
Queensland ..	40,806	11,808	52,614	360	104	72 2	73 1	5,253,595	94 4
South Australia (d)	27,370	5,558	32,928	409	83	71 4	72 7	3,141,617	94 8
Western Australia ..	22,210	4,387	26,597	430	85	70 11	71 4	2,565,631	100 9
Tasmania ..	10,648	3,045	13,693	406	116	70 8	72 8	1,359,524	103 10
Total ..	302,854	73,073	375,927	393	95	71 8	72 9	36,526,395	95 7

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June--	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population. (a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.						
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	£	s. d.
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1		
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0		
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6		
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5		
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5		
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 6		
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3		
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 5		
1919 ..	96,969	31,909	127,968	185	62	3,936,626	24 2		
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1		
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9		
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,330,034	28 9		
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9		
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9		
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8		
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	33 7		
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38 6		
1928 ..	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38 5		
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5		
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5		
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38 4		
1932 ..	183,817	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3		
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10		
1934 ..	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	110	10,963,090	33 8		
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	298	114	11,762,030	33 7		
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 5		
1937 ..	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8		
1938 ..	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6		
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	334	127	15,991,782	38 5		
1940 (c) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	83	16,459,245	38 6		
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	389	83	17,366,365	(d) 41 5		
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	384	84	19,257,025	(d) 48 4		
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	22,292,835	(d) 51 1		
1944 ..	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(d) 51 11		
1945 ..	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51 5		
1946 ..	264,826	62,868	327,694	355	84	26,962,420	(d) 62 8		
1947 ..	290,173	68,277	358,450	383	90	29,416,678	62 8		
1948 ..	302,854	73,073	375,927	393	95	36,526,395	(d) 71 11		

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1943-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list. (d) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 1s. July, 1945; 10s. July, 1947; 10s. October, 1948. Rate £4 5s. od. from 21st October, 1948. On 6th April, 1944, adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1948.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1947-48.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
						£ s. d.
New South Wales (c)	233,826	407,368	768	1,338	7,602,692	50 3
Victoria	148,249	251,145	710	1,203	4,842,140	46 10
Queensland	89,882	169,060	794	1,493	3,104,416	55 9
South Australia (d)	50,058	84,539	748	1,263	1,606,206	48 5
Western Australia	42,634	75,186	825	1,455	1,448,953	56 10
Tasmania	21,700	42,375	827	1,616	820,310	62 8
Abroad	66	104	..	..	801	..
Total 1947-48	586,415	1,029,777	760	1,335	19,425,518	50 10
1946-47	559,730	986,814	738	1,302	19,862,933	52 10

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—20,580 in 366 institutions at 30th June, 1948; 19,743 in 355 institutions at 30th June, 1947. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1948.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Fortnightly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1947-48.			
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			£	s. d.		
					No.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales (d)	17,233	57	No. 7,764	£ 3 s. 9	1,583,089	10 6		
Victoria	11,259	54	3,990	3 7 8	1,022,432	9 11		
Queensland	6,576	58	2,870	3 9 8	581,063	10 5		
South Australia (e)	3,781	56	1,308	3 7 1	338,448	10 2		
Western Australia	2,719	53	1,131	3 8 10	242,235	9 6		
Tasmania	1,457	56	669	3 9 4	136,819	10 5		
Total 1947-48	43,025	56	17,732	3 8 11	3,904,086	10 3		
1946-47	42,742	56	16,702	3 9 1	3,366,288	8 11		

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes six (1947-48) and thirteen (1946-47) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	£
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1939	30,860	20,810	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,621	2,542,801
1946	60,730	40,991	25,281	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	156,446	2,492,495
1947	73,110	50,730	29,002	17,860	13,750	7,542	(c)	191,994	3,026,459
1948	68,116	46,027	27,520	15,856	12,553	7,074	(c)	d 177,566	2,854,018
Total since 10.10.1912	1,662,652	1,098,071	639,765	369,130	273,288	178,577	1,124	4,222,627	29,917,718
								(d)	

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £16; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. (c) Included with South Australia.

(d) Includes 20 claims paid abroad.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 78.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1948.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapaci- tated Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Incapaci- tated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapaci- tated Members of Forces.	Depend- ants of Deceased and Incapaci- tated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a) ..	60,464	16,813	79,709	156,986	1 19 5	1 1 10	1 8 8
Victoria ..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2 2 9	1 5 7	1 12 4
Queensland ..	18,389	4,989	24,742	48,120	2 0 0	1 1 2	1 8 5
South Australia (b) ..	13,695	3,736	19,420	36,851	2 4 1	1 1 10	1 10 1
Western Australia ..	16,439	4,288	24,091	44,818	1 19 3	0 19 9	1 6 11
Tasmania ..	5,961	1,625	8,785	16,371	2 18 7	1 3 1	1 16 0
United Kingdom ..	1,478	1,495	1,680	4,653	2 13 1	2 7 10	2 9 6
Elsewhere ..	416	162	360	938	2 2 4	1 15 3	1 18 5
Total 1947-48 ..	158,773	46,393	210,435	415,601	2 1 7	1 2 11	1 10 1
1946-47 ..	152,370	46,237	196,030	394,637	2 0 0	1 2 5	1 9 3

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—							
Age (Members of Forces) ..	2,606	1,558	1,083	544	691	128	6,610
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,275	1,140	875	578	568	224	4,660
Dependants ..	1,071	1,068	578	486	419	169	3,791
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	113	95	25	20	15	3	271
Dependants ..	152	124	31	26	22	3	358
Total 1947-48 ..	5,217	3,985	2,592	1,654	1,715	527	15,690
1946-47 ..	4,756	3,723	2,370	1,542	1,580	504	14,475
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	3 7 5	3 6 4	3 7 10	3 8 10	3 2 1	3 6 9	3 6 5
Dependants ..	1 18 11	1 18 10	2 0 7	2 0 4	1 18 7	2 2 0	1 19 5
All Pensioners 1947-48	3 0 0	2 18 1	3 1 5	3 0 0	2 16 0	2 18 8	2 19 3
1946-47	2 13 1	2 12 9	2 14 3	2 13 11	2 10 9	2 12 3	2 13 0

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

Place of Payment.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
(i) War Pensions.						
New South Wales(a) ..	£ 2,897,870	£ 3,661,182	£ 4,068,399	£ 4,874,706	£ 5,663,529	£ 5,984,610
Victoria ..	2,497,300	3,022,522	3,245,026	3,640,063	4,081,324	4,436,021
Queensland ..	943,601	1,177,089	1,201,869	1,466,574	1,816,412	1,793,996
South Australia (b) ..	575,168	763,350	851,527	1,049,768	1,243,066	1,402,474
Western Australia ..	752,885	941,924	1,052,734	1,264,951	1,427,953	1,499,821
Tasmania ..	434,228	523,675	551,350	624,354	726,216	782,474
Elsewhere ..	265,854	258,867	336,480	337,801	297,140	363,377
Total ..	8,366,996	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217	15,055,640	16,262,773
Includes War (1939-45) ..	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796	4,903,409	6,746,192	7,578,512

(ii) Service Pensions.

Place of Payment.	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales(a) ..	218,173	216,001	199,535	253,274	275,948	446,404
Victoria ..	163,116	163,377	169,716	206,276	239,650	288,084
Queensland ..	119,032	113,143	113,847	141,965	155,988	198,257
South Australia (b) ..	61,953	63,525	66,651	85,803	102,937	121,638
Western Australia ..	73,503	72,096	72,158	86,339	95,786	144,936
Tasmania ..	24,332	24,392	27,089	31,223	33,811	38,793
Total ..	660,109	652,534	648,996	804,880	904,120	1,238,112
Includes War (1939-45) ..	2,314	6,403	7,528	11,372	15,786	25,315

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1946-47. (a)

Grade of Actual Income.	Taxpayers.		Actual Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	484,365	23.59	74,572	9.79	3,994	2.94	8 4 11
£201-£500 ..	1,286,121	62.65	424,256	55.66	50,615	37.20	39 7 1
£501-£1,000 ..	219,127	10.67	142,368	18.68	30,542	22.45	139 7 7
£1,001 and over ..	63,313	3.09	120,982	15.87	50,908	37.41	804 1 4
Total Individuals ..	2,052,926	100.00	762,178	100.00	(b) 136,059	100.00	66 5 6
Companies ..	15,751	...	163,153	...	(c) 58,318	...	3,702 9 11
Grand Total ..	..	..	925,331	..	194,377	..	

(a) Assessed on income for year 1945-46. (b) Includes Net Social Services Contribution, £24,778,000. (c) Includes Super Tax, £3,638,000, Wartime (Company) Tax, £3,319,000, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £11,262,000.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners ..	21,028	No. 20,956	No. 21,395	No. 21,959	No. 21,921
Absentee Owners ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,410
TOTAL ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,871
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—					
Resident ..	£'000. 225,775	£'000. 228,207	£'000. 234,273	£'000. 244,513	£'000. 244,228
Absentee ..	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,685	1,444
TOTAL ..	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,198	245,667
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident ..	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,289
Absentee ..	2,168	2,197	2,080	1,992	1,580
TOTAL ..	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,869
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	£ 924,749	£ 1,045,591	£ 1,195,246	£ 2,453,928	£ 2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,670	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED (a) '000 ac.	57,636	56,696	56,131	63,556	62,702
TAX ASSESSED ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1946-47.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£ £	No.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1- 1,000 ..	3,591	7,944	1,443	43,648
1,001- 2,000 ..	1,865	6,440	2,718	81,296
2,001- 3,000 ..	1,182	5,430	2,924	87,343
3,001- 4,000 ..	785	4,427	2,727	81,806
4,001- 5,000 ..	576	3,867	2,582	77,559
5,001-10,000 ..	1,439	13,616	10,090	314,730
10,001-20,000 ..	968	16,485	13,427	578,028
20,001-50,000 ..	480	17,685	14,221	1,187,661
50,001 and over ..	102	11,461	8,957	1,778,829
Total ..	10,988	87,355	59,089	4,230,900

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1946-47.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.				Sales Tax Payable
		7½ per cent.(b)	12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
1945-46.						
January ..	£'000. 48,641	£'000. 4,748	£'000. 11,096	£'000. 2,589	£'000. 18,433	£'000. 2,390
February ..	53,573	6,813	13,643	3,194	23,650	3,015
March ..	62,230	7,945	15,070	3,556	26,571	3,388
Total, March Quarter ..	164,444	19,506	39,809	9,339	68,654	8,778
April ..	57,684	7,154	14,470	3,050	24,674	3,108
May ..	65,616	7,879	16,856	3,074	27,809	3,466
June ..	56,878	6,227	14,564	2,394	23,185	2,886
Total, June Quarter ..	180,178	21,260	45,890	8,518	75,668	9,460
Total, Year ..	668,434	75,910	155,036	37,012	267,964	34,325

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July ..	64,545	8,094	16,808	3,407	28,309	3,559
August ..	69,671	8,997	18,109	3,346	30,452	3,775
September ..	68,951	8,241	17,542	3,498	29,281	3,685
Total, September Quarter ..	203,167	25,332	52,459	10,251	88,042	11,019
October ..	71,773	8,605	18,978	3,676	31,259	3,937
November ..	80,974	4,214	(d) 23,076	4,063	31,353	3,909
December ..	51,806	..	15,729	2,651	18,380	2,237
Total, December Quarter ..	204,553	12,819	57,783	10,390	80,992	10,083
January ..	53,836	..	16,149	2,142	18,291	2,151
February ..	63,600	..	18,700	2,324	21,024	2,452
March ..	61,728	..	17,828	2,557	20,385	2,422
Total, March Quarter ..	179,164	..	52,677	7,023	59,700	7,025
April ..	67,260	..	18,983	2,367	21,350	2,491
May ..	76,189	..	21,053	2,405	23,458	2,707
June ..	70,670	..	19,313	2,102	21,415	2,457
Total, June Quarter ..	214,119	..	59,349	6,874	66,223	7,655
Total, Year ..	801,003	38,151	222,268	34,538	294,957	35,782

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July ..	78,267	..	21,471	2,733	24,204	2,830
August ..	75,104	..	21,382	2,633	24,015	2,797
September ..	79,188	..	23,890	2,477	26,367	3,008
Total, September Quarter ..	232,559	..	66,743	7,843	74,586	8,635
October ..	81,464	..	25,499	1,278	26,777	2,870
November ..	80,554	..	25,196	1,485	26,681	2,891
December ..	79,441	..	25,507	1,364	26,871	2,892
Total, December Quarter ..	241,459	..	76,202	4,127	80,329	8,653
January ..	63,595	..	20,134	711	20,845	2,191
February ..	76,611	..	25,762	936	26,698	2,791
March ..	82,035	..	26,363	1,125	27,488	2,918
Total, March Quarter ..	222,241	..	72,259	2,772	75,031	7,900
April ..	87,515	..	29,102	1,060	30,162	3,175
May ..	81,188	..	25,457	1,013	26,470	2,799
June ..	89,296	..	26,903	829	27,732	2,898
Total, June Quarter ..	257,999	..	81,462	2,902	84,364	8,872
Total, Year ..	954,258	..	296,666	17,644	314,310	34,060

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July ..	90,657	..	29,494	1,037	30,531	3,209
August ..	91,518	..	28,420	1,040	29,460	3,102
September ..	97,294	..	30,984	1,097	32,081	3,373
Total, September Quarter ..	279,469	..	88,898	3,174	92,072	9,684

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (b) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (c) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. From 15th November, 1946, the rate of 12½ per cent. was reduced to 10 per cent. (d) Includes £12,292,000 sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate. Sales taxable at 10 per cent. rate from 15th November.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. However, the following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1947-48 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States:—
(i) The payment to the Railways from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet losses on developmental lines, £800,000; (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits, £1,210,000, paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and then distributed to Hospitals; (iii) £78,000 transferred from Railway's Special Reserve for "Stabilization of Refreshment Room Charges" have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £88,915,000, and from Expenditure of £89,242,000. In addition the following adjustments have been made on account of recoup of debt charges from business undertakings:—£11,000 has been deducted from revenue and £216,000 from expenditure. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATE REVENUES, 1947-48.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Taxation (b)	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways ..	9,534	6,004	3,488	2,293	(c) 1,229	1,419	23,967
Tramways (d)	36,906	16,308	10,955	5,048	4,546	..	73,763
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	7,855	(e) 137	..	..	509	..	8,501
Land ..	2,179	2,686	1	2,386	1,647	9	8,908
Interest n.e.l. ..	2,658	846	1,670	291	601	130	6,196
Commonwealth Payments (f) ..	493	1,740	781	854	594	529	4,991
All other Sources ..	21,220	12,009	8,453	6,906	7,243	2,384	58,215
Total Revenue ..	5,971	1,998	1,472	1,065	1,342	345	12,193
	86,816	41,728	26,820	18,843	17,711	4,816	196,734
Total Revenue per head (g) ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	28 17 6	20 3 4	24 2 1	28 17 9	34 16 1	18 7 11	25 16 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1944-45 TO 1947-48.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	51,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1945 ..	74,213	35,273	26,447	16,113	13,954	(a) 3,657	169,657
1946 ..	71,859	35,191	24,774	16,343	14,408	(a) 3,933	166,508
1947 ..	73,500	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,981	(a) 4,507	172,573
1948 ..	86,816	41,728	26,820	18,843	17,711	(a) 4,916	196,734

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1947-48.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways ..	14,922	8,392	6,265	5,190	4,417	1,440	40,626
Tramways (d)	30,448	14,560	10,271	5,660	5,675	6	66,620
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	8,154	..	..	..	572	..	8,726
Education ..	1,527	1,897	5	1,187	1,059	(h) 323	6,003
Hospitals ..	9,829	6,244	3,052	2,036	1,845	958	23,964
Other Charities ..	5,057	2,841	1,927	1,145	810	530	13,210
All other Expenditure	1,716	721	775	272	316	174	3,974
Total Expenditure ..	14,385	7,627	4,619	3,666	3,368	1,666	35,331
	86,938	42,282	26,914	19,156	18,062	5,102	198,454
Total Expenditure per head (g) ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	28 18 4	20 8 8	24 3 9	29 7 4	35 9 11	19 9 9	26 1 6

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1944-45 TO 1947-48.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,169	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,770
1945 ..	73,245	34,924	25,878	16,113	13,949	(a) 3,676	167,785
1946 ..	71,488	35,185	24,760	16,343	14,408	(a) 4,034	166,218
1947 ..	75,350	37,354	25,017	17,253	15,028	(a) 4,573	174,575
1948 ..	86,938	42,282	26,914	19,156	18,062	(a) 5,102	198,454

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also paid to the Commission's Fund. See note (h). (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1947-48, see p. 62. Excludes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes omnibuses. (e) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (f) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year. (h) Losses of Transport Commission.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1947-48.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways	5,543	476	705	510	284	307	7,825
Tramways (b)	1,066			Cr. 34	55		1,087
Roads and Bridges	Cr. 426	Cr. 3	467	84			
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	595	80	2	110	158	281	1,348
Water Supply and Sewerage	102	1,884	58	903	524		3,471
Electricity Supply	77			1,000	736	1,220	3,033
Public Buildings	1,798	1,000	949	357	548	222	4,874
Unemployment Relief	Cr. 77	Cr. 28				3	Cr. 102
Housing	907	260	Cr. 112	1,351		33	2,439
Other (c)	200	220	627	Cr. 27	62	384	1,466
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d)	3,886	4,121	54	Cr. 422	Cr. 204	Cr. 115	7,320
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	1,364		143	Cr. 15	169		1,661
Other	94	739	1,825	126	190	299	3,273
Other purposes	..	37	..	Cr. 138	15	..	Cr. 86
Total Works, &c.	15,129	8,786	4,718	3,805	2,537	2,634	37,609
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
5 0 8	4 4 11	4 4 10	5 16 8	4 19 9	10 1 3	4 18 10	
Per Head (e)	..						
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	..					66	66
Other (f)	1,083	..	231	76	41	170	1,601
Grand Total	..	16,212	8,786	4,949	3,881	2,578	39,276

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1948.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways, Tramways (b)	180,253	81,116	68,642	42,335	27,835	8,513	408,694
Roads and Bridges	21,019	12,732	6,722	3,876	3,184		7,793
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	23,865	1,535	3,637	8,816	7,827		101,006
Water Supply and Sewerage	41,265	36,129	1,157	25,985	16,005		120,541
Electricity Supply	3,057	17,839		2,000	2,936	10,066	35,898
Public Buildings	21,768	11,329	10,015	4,880	4,148	3,636	55,776
Unemployment Relief	16,279	13,147			(h)	334	29,760
Housing	2,692	2,664	4,039	7,996	787	511	18,989
Other (c)	10,443	2,674	23,306	2,350	2,076	3,645	44,494
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d)	18,055	53,023	5,514	10,676	17,142	2,359	106,769
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	22,125		2,211	9,395	4,518		38,249
Other	8,035	9,318	11,394	2,448	15,134	320	46,649
Other purposes	..	89	509	123	2,133	3,999	6,853
Total Works	..	368,945	242,315	136,760	122,890	105,591	37,177
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits	..	38,948	9,119	5,826	8,669	12,115	1,768
Other (f)	..	21,926	7,348	14,697	2,653	5,432	1,766
Grand Total	..	429,819	258,782	157,283	134,212	123,138	40,711

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1948.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
New South Wales	233,097	139,672	11,309	384,078	7,244	4,467	381	12,092
Victoria	128,243	56,132	4,571	188,946	4,305	1,873	184	6,362
Queensland	86,503	47,273	4,918	138,694	2,827	1,634	180	4,641
South Australia	79,261	37,815	1,776	118,852	2,600	1,223	72	3,885
Western Australia	59,251	38,986	2,038	100,275	1,904	1,244	93	3,241
Tasmania	25,498	8,312	237	33,957	806	296	8	1,110
Total	611,763	328,190	24,849	964,802	19,686	10,737	918	31,341

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Total. (b)
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1947.									
Revenue—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Payments(c)	9,333	4,989	3,442	3,061	2,741	1,052	24,618	..	..
Taxation(d)	4,644	2,793	1,670	923	571	770	11,371	182,250	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	17,610	7,591	6,249	2,424	2,266	..	36,149	526	..
Other	4,578 (e)	49	..	1,268	1,052	..	6,947 (f)	15,738	..
Other	4,033	2,182	1,840	920	1,301	489	10,765	5,988	..
Total	40,207	17,604	13,201	8,596	7,931	2,311	89,850	204,502	269,325
Expenditure—									
Commonwealth Payments									
Debt Services	7,339	4,201	3,289	2,549	2,310	736	20,424	(a) 28,069	..
Business Undertakings(h)—								32,999	..
Railways	14,696	7,148	5,467	2,764	2,600 (i)	195	32,870	675	..
Other	4,290 (e)	156	..	559	647	..	5,652 (f)	13,529	..
Other	14,586	8,426	5,069	3,222	3,026	1,619	35,948 (j)	129,230	..
Total	40,911	19,931	13,825	9,094	8,583	2,550	94,894	204,502	274,369
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	..	-704	-2,327	-624	-498	-652	-239	-5,044	..
									-5,044

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Total.
SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments(c)	10,804	5,872	4,070	3,320	3,832	1,248	29,146	..	..
Taxation(d)	5,185	3,185	1,829	1,261	673	825	12,958	188,205	..
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	19,757	8,269	8,044	2,795	2,628	..	41,493	646	..
Other	4,800 (e)	31	..	1,363	1,226	..	7,420 (f)	16,427	..
Other	4,520	2,427	1,909	974	1,350	498	11,678	21,447	..
Total	45,066	19,784	15,852	9,713	9,709	2,571	102,695	226,725	299,716
Expenditure—									
Commonwealth Payments									
Debt Services	7,656	4,300	3,167	2,669	2,410	789	20,991	(g) 32,714	..
Business Undertakings(h)—								33,193	..
Railways	17,080	8,406	6,873	3,287	3,324 (i)	235	39,205	929	..
Other	4,474 (e)	206	..	655	772	..	6,107 (f)	16,902	..
Other	16,691	10,219	6,112	3,987	3,724	1,718	42,451 (j)	142,987	..
Total	45,901	23,131	16,152	10,598	10,230	2,742	108,754	226,725	305,775
Surplus (+) or Deficit (-)	..	-835	-3,347	-300	-885	-521	-171	-6,059	..
									-6,059

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on State Debts and Special grants, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes Special Grants and amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement 1927, and the State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946-47. (d) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (e) State Coal Mines. (f) Postmaster-General's Department. (g) Includes payments to State Trust Funds. (h) Excludes Interest, &c., charges. (i) Losses by Transport Commission. (j) Includes Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1947, £61,632,000; 1948, £64,695,000.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common-wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1947	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1948	6,712	3,487	1,776	829	1,296	1,183	15,283	13,091	28,374
	8,655	3,459	2,330	1,250	1,495	1,653	18,842	8,137	26,979

(a) Includes expenditure on Defence and Post-war (1939-45) Charges.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1947-48.(a)

State. &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.i.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	239	2	4,611	2,462	3,469	1,067	1,153	13,003	
Victoria ..	86	374	2,096	1,482	2,389	1,252	635	8,384	
Queensland ..	69	372	1,073	1,088	1,242	158	661	4,663	
South Australia ..	6	285	583	391	795	295	82	2,437	
Western Australia ..	14	111	307	433	691	200	177	1,933	
Tasmania ..	2	92	166	137	313	109	913	1,732	
Total States Commonwealth ..	115,605	416	1,236	8,836	5,993	8,899	3,081	3,671	32,132
Grand Total ..	115,605	233,316	4,877	13,391	5,993	8,899	8,279	64,185	454,545

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales ..	0 1 7	0 1 7	1 10 8	0 16 5	1 3 1	0 7 1	0 7 8	4 6 6	
Victoria ..	0 0 10	0 3 7	1 0 3	0 14 4	1 3 1	0 12 1	0 6 8	4 0 10	
Queensland ..	0 1 3	0 6 8	0 19 3	0 19 7	1 2 4	0 2 10	0 11 11	4 3 10	
South Australia ..	0 0 2	0 8 8	0 17 11	0 12 0	1 4 5	0 9 1	0 2 6	3 14 9	
Western Australia ..	0 0 7	0 4 4	0 12 1	0 17 0	1 7 2	0 7 10	0 7 0	3 18 0	
Tasmania ..	0 0 2	0 7 0	0 12 8	0 10 6	1 3 11	0 8 4	3 9 0	6 12 4	
Total States Commonwealth ..	15 2 7	30 9 8	0 9 6	0 11 11	0 15 9	1 3 5	0 8 1	0 9 8	4 4 5
Grand Total ..	15 2 7	30 10 9	0 12 9	1 15 1	0 15 8	1 3 3	1 1 8	8 8 2	59 9 11

(a) Includes taxes paid to Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 51 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under the State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946-47. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1944-45 ..	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,612	337,995	(a) 22,111	360,106
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	33,600	27,056	353,211	(a) 25,060	378,271
1946-47 ..	102,246	207,765	36,265	39,340	385,616	(a) 28,426	414,042
1947-48 ..	115,605	232,900	34,728	39,180	422,413	(a) 32,132	454,545

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1944-45 ..	9 2 10	29 6 7	4 0 9	3 9 8	45 19 10	(a) 3 0 5	49 0 0
1945-46 ..	10 9 10	28 17 8	4 10 5	3 12 10	47 10 9	(a) 3 7 8	50 18 3
1946-47 ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	4 16 5	5 4 8	51 5 7	(a) 3 15 11	55 1 3
1947-48 ..	15 2 7	30 9 8	4 10 11	5 2 7	55 5 9	(a) 4 4 5	59 9 11

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Tax Reimbursement Acts. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1947-48.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Tax Re-imbursement ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
State Tax Collections ..	18,302	9,882	7,357	3,884	3,793	1,370	44,588
	13,003	8,364	4,663	2,437	1,933	1,732	32,132
Total ..	31,305	18,246	12,020	6,321	5,726	3,102	76,720
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	10 8 3	8 16 4	10 16 1	9 13 10	11 5 1	11 17 0	10 1 7

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-18) ..	154,005	(c) 10,645	..	164,650
War (1939-45) ..	1,512,988	5,775		1,518,763
Works and other Purposes	85,398	52,741	15,842	153,981
Total—Commonwealth Purposes ..	1,752,391	69,161	15,842	1,837,394
Per Head of Population (d)	£227 5 7	£8 19 5	£2 1 1	£238 6 1
State—				
Debts of the States ..	642,852	323,602	24,814	991,268
Per Head of Population (e)	£83 14 4	£42 2 10	£3 4 7	£129 1 9
Total Public Debt ..	2,395,243	392,763	40,656	2,828,662
Per Head of Population (d)	£310 13 1	£50 18 10	£5 5 6	£366 17 5

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (f)
War (1914-18) ..	5,651,511	(c) 395,968	..	6,047,479
War (1939-45) ..	40,052,249	231,000	..	40,283,249
Works and other Purposes	2,527,029	1,762,976	696,297	4,986,302
Total—Commonwealth Purposes ..	48,230,789	2,389,944	696,297	51,317,030
Average Rate per cent. (g)	£2 15 1	£3 9 1	£4 7 11	£2 15 11
State—				
Debts of the States ..	20,662,011	11,006,271	916,641	32,584,923
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£3 4 4	£3 8 0	£3 13 11	£3 5 9
Grand Total ..	68,892,800	13,396,215	1,612,938	83,901,953
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 17 7	£3 8 3	£3 19 4	£2 19 4

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Excludes debt (£79,724,220) and interest payable (£3,919,774) due to United Kingdom Government under the *Funding Arrangements Act* 1921. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 30th June, 1948. (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 30th June, 1948. (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Overdue debt, and War and National Savings Stamps are excluded for calculating average rate.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								At 31st December, 1948.
		1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	1,750	80,481	259,250	343,280	343,280	343,280	278,280	208,280	203,280
State ..	Australia £A.	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330				
	London £Stg.	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,355	343,610	343,280	278,280	208,280	203,280
	London £Stg.	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,588	25,588	25,588	25,088	24,838	24,588

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth— War (1914–18)	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg. ^a	175,194	159,318	159,398	158,742	154,046
		11,020	11,020	10,645	10,645	10,645
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	1,357,272	1,510,023	1,531,532	1,508,195
	London £Stg.		6,122	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,303	35,606	54,166	65,098	77,906
	London £Stg.	72,097	64,113	53,535	53,285	52,991
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,798	15,855
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,497	1,552,196	1,723,587	1,755,372	1,740,147
	London £Stg.	83,117	81,255	69,955	69,705	69,411
	New York £Stg.	15,913	15,790	15,790	15,798	15,855
Total ..	..	317,527	1,649,241	1,809,332	1,840,875	1,825,413
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179	514,277	542,645	568,141	611,763
	London £Stg.	384,328	361,392	337,593	333,806	328,190
	New York £Stg.	28,265	25,309	25,113	24,802	24,849
Total ..	..	897,772	900,978	905,351	926,249	964,802
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	703,676	2,066,473	2,266,232	2,323,513	2,351,910
	London £Stg.	467,445	442,647	407,548	408,011	397,601
	New York £Stg.	44,178	41,099	40,903	40,600	40,704
Total ..	..	1,215,299	2,550,219	2,714,683	2,767,124	2,790,215

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

	Australia £A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		25 2 10	21 11 0	21 7 0	20 18 10	19 19 7
Commonwealth— War (1914–18)	London £Stg. ^a	1 11 8	1 9 10	1 8 6	1 8 1	1 7 7
War (1939–45)	Australia £A.	..	183 11 11	202 4 11	202 0 6	195 12 2
	London £Stg.		0 16 7	0 15 5	0 15 3	0 15 0
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 4	4 16 4	7 5 1	8 11 9	10 2 1
	London £Stg.	10 6 11	8 13 5	7 3 5	7 0 7	6 17 5
	New York £Stg.	2 5 8	2 2 9	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 2	209 19 3	230 17 0	231 11 1	225 13 10
	London £Stg.	11 18 7	10 19 10	9 7 4	9 3 11	9 0 0
	New York £Stg.	2 5 8	2 2 9	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2
Total ..	..	45 11 5	223 1 10	242 6 8	242 16 8	236 15 0
State ..	Australia £A.	69 16 4	69 16 2	72 18 9	75 4 5	79 13 4
	London £Stg.	55 6 1	49 1 1	45 7 6	44 2 7	42 14 9
	New York £Stg.	4 1 4	3 8 8	3 7 6	3 5 8	3 4 9
Total ..	..	129 3 9	122 5 11	121 13 9	122 12 8	125 12 10
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	100 19 8	279 10 7	303 10 6	306 10 0	305 0 9
	London £Stg.	67 1 8	59 17 6	54 11 8	53 3 3	51 11 4
	New York £Stg.	6 6 10	5 11 2	5 9 7	5 7 1	5 5 7
Total ..	..	174 8 2	344 19 3	363 11 9	365 0 4	361 17 8

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg. (a)	25,585	56,789	63,042	65,781
	New York £Stg.	18,366	17,199	14,141	13,696
		2,219	2,030	2,020	1,732
Total (b) ..	..	46,170	76,018	79,203	81,209
					82,325

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Commonwealth and State ..	Australia ..	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London(a) ..	3 12 9	2 15 1	2 15 8	2 16 8
	New York ..	3 18 7	3 17 9	3 9 5	3 8 0
		5 0 6	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 5 4
Total (c) ..	..	3 16 0	2 19 9	2 18 4	2 18 9
					2 19 0

(a) See footnote (c), page 63.
(b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(c) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account of exchange.

(D.) BANKING.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.(a)

Period.	Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Liabilities.	Total Liabilities.	
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.					
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.(b)									
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	40,804	14,864	55,668	..	370	1,600	57,638	
" Dec., 1947	..	42,535	14,092	56,627	..	349	1,450	58,426	
" Mar., 1948	..	44,250	13,558	57,808	..	310	1,986	60,104	
" June, 1948	..	47,349	12,963	60,312	..	313	1,903	62,528	
" Sept., 1948	..	46,668	12,792	59,460	..	294	1,998	61,752	
" Dec., 1948	..	51,200	13,741	64,941	..	1,018	8,469	74,428	
1947—Month of October	..	41,872	14,107	55,979	..	387	1,479	57,845	
" November	..	42,376	14,306	56,682	..	321	1,307	58,310	
" December	..	43,326	13,906	57,232	..	332	1,536	59,100	
1948—Month of October	..	50,570	12,639	63,209	..	293	7,804	71,306	
" November	..	50,648	14,048	64,696	..	296	8,888	73,880	
" December	..	52,146	14,377	66,523	..	2,175	8,666	77,364	
NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	743	430,551	202,754	633,305	158	3,283	7,519	645,008
" Dec., 1947	..	730	456,587	203,369	659,956	158	7,166	8,448	676,458
" Mar., 1948	..	729	489,040	200,756	689,796	158	15,839	8,443	714,965
" June, 1948	..	729	511,394	200,572	711,066	158	21,814	9,281	743,948
" Sept., 1948	..	729	502,810	200,448	703,258	158	32,203	9,198	745,546
" Dec., 1948	..	729	554,106	212,699	766,805	158	23,983	10,786	802,461
1947—Month of October	..	732	447,855	204,004	651,859	158	3,792	8,114	664,655
" November	..	729	456,276	203,046	659,322	158	6,493	8,075	674,777
" December	..	729	465,569	202,992	668,561	158	11,078	9,081	689,607
1948—Month of October	..	729	530,849	211,414	742,263	158	20,995	10,705	774,850
" November	..	729	550,791	213,315	764,106	158	24,527	10,438	799,958
" December	..	729	575,364	213,235	788,599	158	25,939	11,127	826,552
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(c)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	12,042	10,824	4,980	15,804	..	252	398	28,496
" Dec., 1947	..	11,936	11,205	5,117	16,322	..	655	468	29,381
" Mar., 1948(d)	..	21,210	13,297	5,610	18,907	..	271	468	40,886
" June, 1948(d)	..	21,065	14,864	6,053	20,917	..	445	490	42,917
" Sept., 1948(d)	..	20,795	14,942	6,656	21,598	..	701	627	43,721
" Dec., 1948(d)	..	20,591	16,916	7,194	24,110	..	363	706	45,770
1947—Month of October	..	12,042	10,630	5,032	15,662	..	432	495	28,631
" November	..	12,017	11,388	5,123	16,511	..	905	483	29,916
" December	..	11,764	11,631	5,199	16,830	..	679	427	29,700
1948—Month of October(d)	..	20,725	16,035	7,343	23,378	..	358	740	45,201
" November(d)	..	20,722	16,769	7,076	23,845	..	502	703	45,772
" December(d)	..	20,379	17,738	7,169	24,907	..	256	682	46,224
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.									
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	12,785	482,179	222,598	704,777	158	3,905	9,517	731,142
" Dec., 1947	..	12,666	510,327	222,578	732,905	158	8,170	10,366	764,265
" Mar., 1948	..	21,939	546,587	219,924	766,511	158	16,420	10,897	815,925
" June, 1948	..	21,794	573,607	219,588	793,195	158	22,572	11,674	849,393
" Sept., 1948	..	21,524	564,420	219,896	784,316	158	33,198	11,823	851,019
" Dec., 1948	..	21,320	622,222	233,634	855,856	158	25,364	19,961	922,659
1947—Month of October	..	12,774	500,357	223,143	723,500	158	4,611	10,088	751,131
" November	..	12,746	510,040	222,475	732,515	158	7,719	9,865	763,003
" December	..	12,493	520,526	222,097	742,623	158	12,089	11,044	778,407
1948—Month of October	..	21,454	597,454	231,396	828,850	158	21,646	19,249	891,357
" November	..	21,451	618,208	234,439	852,647	158	25,325	20,029	919,610
" December	..	21,108	645,248	234,781	880,029	158	28,370	20,475	950,140

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) From October, 1948, the figures include the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments. (c) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act 1945*. See page 67 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (d) From January, 1948, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales has been included. The General Bank Department includes the Rural Bank, Advances for Homes, Personal Loans and General Bank Divisions. Prior to January, 1948, the Rural Bank Department only was included.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.

(ii) Average Assets within Australia.(a)

Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (b)	Special Account with C'w'lth. Bank.	Balances with other Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA—GENERAL BANKING DIVISION.(c)

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	5,615	..	223	539	32,565	..	22,213	1,838	62,993
" Dec., 1947	6,721	..	295	428	32,208	..	21,851	1,944	63,447
" Mar., 1948	7,150	..	286	..	31,565	..	23,730	1,942	64,673
" June, 1948	7,067	..	314	..	32,180	..	25,836	2,044	67,441
" Sept., 1948	5,683	..	300	..	31,411	..	27,527	2,101	67,022
" Dec., 1948	7,955	..	386	750	31,987	62	46,074	1,787	89,001
1947—Month of Oct.	6,289	..	284	1,000	32,565	..	21,000	1,806	62,944
" Nov.	6,556	..	250	250	32,565	..	21,796	2,042	63,459
" Dec.	7,285	..	342	..	31,565	..	22,746	2,002	63,940
1948—Month of Oct.	7,525	..	326	750	31,520	51	44,168	1,756	86,096
" Nov.	8,570	..	307	750	31,528	57	45,900	1,705	88,817
" Dec.	7,805	..	497	750	32,729	75	47,737	1,878	91,471

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(d)

Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	40,816	243,766	10,712	11,884	76,665	1,804	308,526	15,360	709,533
" Dec., 1947	..	43,978	249,103	13,473	13,946	67,141	1,924	330,991	16,455	737,011
" Mar., 1948	..	46,377	269,976	11,825	21,946	59,300	1,856	335,720	17,367	764,367
" June, 1948	..	46,418	287,199	12,913	24,896	59,200	1,909	344,074	19,490	796,099
" Sept., 1948	..	47,448	274,045	12,403	15,173	59,452	1,789	362,322	20,539	793,171
" Dec., 1948	..	50,778	288,457	14,966	28,585	60,109	287	372,505	20,543	836,230
1947—Month of Oct.	..	45,805	239,073	13,523	16,200	73,551	1,924	324,693	16,121	730,890
" Nov.	..	42,275	248,691	13,006	14,250	65,768	1,924	332,688	16,559	735,191
" Dec.	..	45,513	259,463	13,797	11,450	61,831	1,924	335,931	16,681	744,590
1948—Month of Oct.	..	52,888	269,978	12,753	26,912	58,356	282	372,587	20,760	814,516
" Nov.	..	49,312	286,791	14,306	28,550	60,468	281	373,647	20,514	833,869
" Dec.	..	50,263	304,573	17,265	29,950	61,225	297	371,525	20,394	855,492

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(d)

Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	2,524	1,530	1,029	706	8,423	226	25,307	3,068	42,813
" Dec., 1947	..	2,682	1,603	1,078	637	8,616	196	26,469	2,896	44,177
" Mar., 1948(f)	..	3,471	1,456	1,337	863	12,007	146	36,748	2,378	58,406
" June, 1948(f)	..	3,870	1,118	1,163	1,289	13,286	147	37,742	2,089	60,704
" Sept., 1948(f)	..	3,859	1,079	1,620	1,162	13,039	154	38,450	2,152	61,515
" Dec., 1948(f)	..	4,011	1,149	1,778	2,323	12,376	163	39,066	2,539	63,405
1947—Month of Oct.	..	2,356	1,524	1,119	497	8,673	215	25,834	2,896	43,114
" Nov.	..	3,049	1,577	1,049	590	8,745	216	26,634	2,893	44,753
" Dec.	..	2,713	1,702	1,061	813	8,455	162	26,972	2,900	44,778
1948—Month of Oct.(f)	..	3,849	1,055	1,927	2,550	12,072	155	38,723	2,438	62,769
" Nov.(f)	..	3,977	1,223	1,958	2,125	12,191	155	39,054	2,452	63,135
" Dec.(f)	..	4,168	1,167	1,516	2,300	12,766	175	39,350	2,687	64,129

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Quarter ended Sept., 1947	..	48,955	245,296	11,964	13,129	117,653	2,030	356,046	20,266	815,339
" Dec., 1947	..	53,381	250,706	14,846	15,011	107,965	2,120	379,311	21,295	844,635
" Mar., 1948	..	56,998	271,432	13,448	22,809	102,872	2,002	396,198	21,687	887,446
" June, 1948	..	57,355	288,317	14,390	26,185	104,666	2,056	407,652	23,623	924,244
" Sept., 1948	..	56,990	275,124	14,323	16,335	103,902	1,943	428,299	24,792	921,708
" Dec., 1948	..	62,744	289,606	17,130	31,658	104,472	512	457,645	24,869	988,636
1947—Month of October	..	54,450	240,597	14,926	17,697	114,789	2,139	371,527	20,823	836,948
" Nov.	..	51,880	250,268	14,305	15,090	107,078	2,140	381,118	21,524	843,403
" Dec.	..	53,511	261,165	15,200	12,263	101,851	2,086	385,649	21,583	853,308
1948—Month of October	..	64,262	271,033	15,006	30,212	101,948	488	455,478	24,954	963,381
" Nov.	..	61,859	288,014	16,571	31,425	104,187	493	458,601	24,671	985,821
" Dec.	..	62,236	305,740	19,278	33,000	106,720	547	458,612	24,959	1,011,092

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) See note (b), page 65. (d) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. See page 67 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (e) Includes Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury. (f) See note (d), page 65.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
General Banking Division.—Average Liabilities and Assets within Australia

Year.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	Total Assets.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.		Cash and Cash Balances.	Treasury Bills.	Other.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1945-46 (a) ..	35,300	21,101	56,401	59,504	7,322	4,198	33,596	17,760
1946-47 ..	40,725	17,574	58,299	60,071	6,553	1,909	34,302	20,383
1947-48 ..	43,712	13,873	57,585	59,650	6,639	245	32,131	23,378

(a) Ten months ended June, 1946

NINE TRADING BANKS

NINE TRADING BANKS.
(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia

Year.	Intermin- able Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Cir- cu- la- tion.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills Payable and all other Li- abili- ties.	Total Li- abili- ties.
		Not Bear- ing Inter- est.	Bear- ing Inter- est.	Total.				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1938-39	2,644	a 118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(b) 3,005	324,398
1944-45	1,850	a 343,773	224,023	567,796	166	1,083	(b) 4,843	575,738
1945-46	1,664	385,953	220,415	606,368	166	1,194	6,338	615,730
1946-47	889	429,749	206,862	636,611	159	1,748	7,792	647,199
1947-48	733	471,604	201,892	673,496	158	11,933	8,423	694,743

(ii) Average Assets within Australia

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks. (d)	Australian Public Securities. (e)		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
1938-39	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1944-45	33,597	38,038	207,992	3,938	21,533	20,477	g 288,109	(h) 9,421	377,000
1945-46	38,462	238,098	8,748	60,283	105,842	(f)	g 208,719	(h) 9,776	638,394
1946-47	37,928	264,991	10,302	59,782	115,272	(f)	g 214,401	(h) 9,802	684,565
1947-48	44,390	262,258	12,254	25,881	95,026	164	261,140	14,280	709,662
				18,089	65,606	1,874	329,850	17,154	751,475

(a) Includes Other Liabilities. (b) Excludes Other Liabilities—see footnote (a). (c) See note (b), page 66. (d) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (e) Government and Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted. (g) Includes other assets—see notes (f) and (h). (h) Landed and house property only. Other assets included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).

(a) Ten months ended June, 1946.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Year 1945-46(b)	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1946-47	52,887	45,791	14,879	8,661	5,855	2,889	95	131,057
Year 1947-48	65,690	55,433	16,972	10,457	7,189	3,374	119	159,234
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,947	142	188,244
Quarter ended Sept., 1947	71,815	59,347	18,452	11,237	7,508	3,667	136	172,162
,, Dec., 1947	80,552	65,757	21,055	12,753	8,884	3,903	134	193,068
,, Mar., 1948(c)	74,754	59,240	18,481	12,302	8,961	3,771	131	177,640
,, June, 1948(c)	86,244	72,684	21,978	14,591	9,620	4,450	167	209,734
,, Sept., 1948(c)	83,631	71,531	23,215	13,710	9,493	4,271	175	206,026
,, Dec., 1948(c)	92,467	76,703	24,220	15,516	11,071	4,578	176	224,731
1947—Month of Oct. ..	76,408	61,111	19,614	12,470	8,523	3,770	135	182,031
,, Nov. ..	82,748	66,376	22,854	12,831	8,914	3,854	129	197,706
,, Dec. ..	82,939	69,908	21,141	12,973	9,222	4,073	138	200,394
1948—Month of Oct. (c)	90,417	74,204	24,087	15,407	10,558	4,367	166	219,206
,, Nov. (c)	89,985	72,009	23,809	14,869	11,080	4,132	171	216,055
,, Dec. (c)	96,094	82,457	24,656	16,121	11,474	5,102	188	236,092

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Average of weeks ended last Monday in periods to December, 1946; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday in periods. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

(c) Debits to customers' accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded. See also note (d), page 65.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
Year 1938-39..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1943-44..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
1944-45..	28,071	27,051	6,816	4,924	2,719	943	70,524
1945-46..	28,556	27,839	6,895	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
1946-47..	30,968	31,398	7,154	5,593	3,257	1,185	79,555
1947-48..	38,580	35,631	7,978	6,469	3,926	1,310	93,894
1947—	44,786	41,237	9,288	8,038	4,892	1,543	109,784
1st October to 29th October ..	43,082	38,720	9,049	7,712	4,848	1,444	104,855
30th October to 26th November ..	49,701	45,468	10,770	8,262	5,047	1,452	120,700
27th November to 31st December ..	43,123	41,963	9,739	7,783	5,080	1,529	109,217
1948—							
30th September to 27th October ..	55,191	49,677	10,680	9,657	5,890	1,715	132,819
28th October to 24th November ..	54,128	45,531	11,420	10,097	6,410	1,599	129,185
25th November to 31st December ..	55,227	50,948	10,627	9,878	6,660	1,743	135,083

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1944 ..	162,867	153,887	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,203	182,149	80,094	56,095	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,063	65,865	38,289	20,447	349	973	663,554
1947 ..	231,368	216,107	85,602	67,900	36,625	20,856	537	1,020	660,015
1948 ..	236,964	226,401	84,836	73,613	36,183	21,572	649	1,100	681,318
1947—									
Oct. ..	232,568	218,003	85,003	68,813	36,384	21,008	592	1,038	663,409
Nov. ..	231,775	218,668	84,836	68,918	36,214	20,937	585	1,046	662,979
Dec. ..	231,250	218,914	84,226	69,278	35,838	20,821	575	1,029	661,931
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	227,810	85,474	75,321	36,343	21,836	686	1,123	686,424
Nov. ..	238,031	228,581	85,828	75,975	36,456	21,817	691	1,136	688,515
Dec. ..	237,924	228,472	85,801	76,394	36,298	21,719	679	1,129	688,416

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £64,955,000 was subscribed for War Savings and Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and December, 1948.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,396	2,358	99	319	146,100
1944 ..	162,867	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,203	38,933	80,094	10,505	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,603	90,063	12,665	38,289	7,851	349	973	434,035
1947 ..	231,368	47,959	85,602	12,892	36,625	7,947	537	1,020	423,950
1948 ..	236,964	48,620	84,836	12,993	36,183	8,028	649	1,100	429,373
1947—									
Oct. ..	232,568	47,827	85,003	12,734	36,384	7,857	592	1,038	424,003
Nov. ..	231,775	47,511	84,836	12,641	36,214	7,787	585	1,046	422,395
Dec. ..	231,250	47,403	84,226	12,562	35,838	7,706	575	1,029	420,589
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	48,803	85,474	13,419	36,343	8,063	686	1,123	431,742
Nov. ..	238,031	48,998	85,828	13,484	36,456	8,056	691	1,136	432,680
Dec. ..	237,924	49,031	85,801	13,582	36,298	8,045	679	1,129	432,489

(a) Included with South Australia.

(E.) NOTE ISSUE.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.

Denomination.	25th December, 1939.	31st December, 1945.	30th December, 1946.	31st December, 1947.	29th December, 1948.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
10s. ..	4,806	8,547	8,230	8,586	8,704
£1 ..	25,805	77,476	71,016	68,197	69,357
£5 ..	15,254	80,902	82,464	81,756	88,576
£10 ..	6,613	32,356	44,695	46,204	50,590
£20 ..	96	10	9	8	8
£50 ..	1,563	141	101	85	76
£100 ..	2,615	215	182	162	150
£1,000 ..	523	317	733	145	144
Held by banks	13,009	20,215	22,716	24,805	29,245
,, public	44,266	179,749	184,714	180,338	188,360
Total ..	57,275	199,964	207,430	205,143	217,605

Section VI.—Railways, Aviation, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

(A.) RAILWAYS.

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

Government.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (69)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,725 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)	6,566 (136)	6,560 (136)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,378 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,348 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (117)	642 (117)	641 (117)	614 (117)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,213 (648)	27,213 (648)	27,179 (648)	27,123 (648)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth ..	17,033	17,946	18,090	18,266	18,498
New South Wales ..	147,617	153,100	154,976	157,231	165,839
Victoria ..	52,449	52,850	53,299	53,764	54,434
Queensland ..	38,419	40,378	40,689	41,097	41,506
South Australia ..	29,733	30,983	30,647	30,975	31,478
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,628	26,752	27,062	27,497
Tasmania ..	2,140	2,944	3,068	3,151	3,200
Total(b) ..	315,860	327,276	329,968	333,993	344,899

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
Commonwealth	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales	6,114	6,128	6,128	6,128
Victoria	4,754	4,748	4,748	4,725
Queensland	6,567	6,566	6,566	6,560
South Australia	2,557	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia	4,376	4,381	4,381	4,348
Tasmania	658	642	642	614
Total	27,227	27,213	27,213	27,179
					27,123

(a) Capital was reduced during the period 1st July, 1927 to 1st July, 1937 by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,447,000, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

Government Railways—*continued*.

Government.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48. (d)
-------------	----------	----------	----------	----------	-----------------

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN (a)—'000.

Commonwealth ..	..	902	2,426	1,818	1,513	1,701
New South Wales ..	..	30,106	538,900	538,000	537,500	38,957
Victoria ..	..	17,890	16,337	16,344	15,539	16,826
Queensland ..	..	13,927	c17,574	c15,607	c16,145	14,740
South Australia ..	..	6,177	6,618	6,354	6,010	6,134
Western Australia ..	..	6,575	6,171	6,304	6,594	7,266
Tasmania ..	..	1,906	2,201	2,229	2,245	2,245
Total ..	..	77,483	90,227	86,656	85,546	87,869

PASSENGER JOURNEYS—'000.

Commonwealth ..	..	117	473	347	223	217
New South Wales ..	..	186,720	254,099	267,423	261,644	263,047
Victoria ..	..	142,124	195,698	196,118	170,165	182,209
Queensland ..	..	24,639	38,962	38,200	34,188	29,123
South Australia ..	..	17,529	24,820	23,119	19,827	19,067
Western Australia ..	..	11,415	18,099	17,136	13,879	14,045
Tasmania ..	..	2,297	3,261	3,413	3,252	2,974
Total ..	..	384,841	535,412	545,756	503,178	510,682

GOODS AND LIVE-STOCK CARRIED—'000 TONS.

Commonwealth ..	..	186	381	276	343	423
New South Wales ..	..	15,417	18,793	16,885	17,594	18,618
Victoria ..	..	5,976	8,064	7,229	7,562	8,428
Queensland ..	..	5,234	6,240	5,758	5,750	5,232
South Australia ..	..	2,640	3,476	2,970	3,215	3,585
Western Australia ..	..	2,859	2,904	2,728	2,577	2,857
Tasmania ..	..	844	924	880	896	818
Total ..	..	33,156	40,782	36,726	37,937	39,961

GROSS REVENUE—£'000.

Commonwealth ..	..	547	2,424	1,565	1,099	1,236
New South Wales ..	..	19,946	32,377	32,113	31,153	36,907
Victoria ..	..	9,284	15,258	14,675	13,577	16,321
Queensland ..	..	7,798	13,809	11,917	11,033	11,133
South Australia ..	..	3,119	5,460	4,871	4,593	5,110
Western Australia ..	..	3,599	4,276	4,107	4,046	4,600
Tasmania ..	..	487	900	928	893	961
Total ..	..	44,780	74,504	70,176	66,394	76,268

(a) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (b) Estimated. (c) Partly estimated.

(d) Subject to revision.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48. (c)
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000.					
Commonwealth ..	642	2,113	1,502	1,224	1,454
New South Wales ..	14,543	24,673	24,933	25,885	31,015
Victoria ..	8,060	12,832	12,531	12,916	15,533
Queensland ..	6,193	11,676	10,426	10,191	10,340
South Australia ..	2,931	5,145	5,108	5,045	5,976
Western Australia ..	2,911	3,764	4,027	4,424	5,570
Tasmania ..	678	1,167	1,209	1,254	1,323
Total ..	35,958	61,370	59,736	60,939	71,211
NET EARNINGS—£'000.					
Commonwealth ..	—95	311	63	—125	—218
New South Wales ..	5,403	7,704	7,180	5,267	5,892
Victoria ..	1,224	2,426	2,144	661	788
Queensland ..	1,605	2,133	1,491	842	793
South Australia ..	188	315	—237	—452	—866
Western Australia ..	688	512	80	—378	—970
Tasmania ..	—191	—267	—281	—360	—362
Total ..	8,822	13,134	10,440	5,455	5,057
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth ..	—0.56	1.73	0.35	—0.68	—1.18
New South Wales ..	3.66	5.03	4.63	3.35	3.55
Victoria ..	2.33	4.59	4.02	1.23	1.45
Queensland ..	4.18	5.28	3.66	2.05	1.91
South Australia ..	0.63	1.01	—0.77	—1.46	—2.75
Western Australia ..	2.64	1.92	0.30	—1.40	—3.53
Tasmania ..	—8.91	—9.06	—9.16	—11.44	—11.31
Total (b) ..	2.79	4.01	3.16	1.63	1.47

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on page 70. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on page 70). (c) Subject to Revision.

PARTICULARS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,348	642	27,111
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	110	3,350	1,537	874	295	266	51	6,483
Miscellaneous £	181	4,399	1,721	2,258	842	829	153	10,383
Total Revenue £	317	(f) 8,389	3,546	3,132	1,227	1,161	211	17,983
Expenditure .. £	300	7,194	3,505	2,803	1,353	1,267	(g) 303	16,725
Train-miles run ..	407	9,440	4,067	4,476	1,529	(h) 1,862	(h) 528	22,309
Earnings per train-mile	15s. 7d.	17s. 9d.	17s. 5d.	13s. 11d.	16s. 1d.	12s. 6d.	7s. 11d.	16s. 2d.
Expenditure per train-mile ..	14s. 9d.	15s. 3d.	17s. 3d.	12s. 6d.	17s. 8d.	13s. 7d.	11s. 6d.	15s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	94.44	85.76	98.85	89.52	110.28	109.15	143.74	93.01
Passenger journeys ..	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Freight carried, tons—	54	65,472	45,545	9,032	4,506	3,487	718	128,814
Coal and Coke ..	56	(i)	(i)	323	141	104	49	(j)
Other Minerals ..	1	(i)	(i)	119	112	54	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	17	(e) 316	(l) 136	213	57	44	5	788
Other Goods ..	36	4,588	1,948	965	552	504	97	8,640
Total Freight ..	110	4,854	2,084	1,620	862	706	151	10,387

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes assistant and light miles. (i) Includes with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

Government Railways—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,725	6,491	2,547	4,348	614	27,054
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
111	3,392	1,674	915	308	276	48	6,724	
Goods, including live-stock and minerals £	212	5,526	2,111	3,098	991	863	169	12,970
Miscellaneous £	31	(e) 700	299	(d)	108	85	2	(e) 1,225
Total Revenue £	354	(f) 9,618	4,084	4,013	1,407	1,224	219	20,919
Expenditure .. £	458	8,160	4,305	3,439	1,622	1,032	(g) 338	19,954
Train-miles run ..	467	9,664	4,013	4,665	1,555	(h) 1,789	(h) 537	22,690
Earnings per train-mile..	15s. 2d.	19s. 11d.	20s. 4d.	17s. 2d.	18s. 1d.	13s. 8d.	8s. 2d.	18s. 5d.
Expenditure per train mile ..		19s. 7d.	16s. 11d.	21s. 5d.	14s. 9d.	20s. 10d.	18s. 3d.	12. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings .. %	129.17	84.84	105.40	85.69	115.24	133.35	154.48	95.38
Passenger-journeys ..	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Freight carried, tons—	51	64,641	43,178	8,322	4,647	3,220	673	124,732
Coal and Coke ..	83	(i)	(i)	351	206	95	39	(j)
Other Minerals ..	2	(i)	(i)	127	115	62	(k)	(j)
Live-stock ..	24	322	(l) 140	207	66	41	5	805
Other Goods ..	42	4,616	2,074	1,317	604	487	163	9,303
Total Freight ..	151	4,938	2,214	2,002	991	685	207	11,188

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes assistant and light miles. (i) Included with Other Goods. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

(B.) CIVIL AVIATION.

1.—REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1948.
	1939.(a)	1946.(a)	1947.	1948.	
	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(e)
Registered Aircraft Owners No.	(b) 149	(b) 182	(b) 323	(b) 334	(e) 340
Registered Aircraft	(b) 296	(b) 349	(b) 643	(b) 670	(e) 727
Pilots' Licences—					
Private(b)	1,096	320	(d) 600	614	614
Commercial(b)	346	1,019	(d) 499	495	495
Student			(d) 939	1,114	1,114
1st Class Airline Transport ..			(d) 341	361	361
2nd Class Airline Transport ..			(d) 25	35	35
3rd Class Airline Transport ..			(d) 372	360	360
Navigators' Licences(b)	59	223	..	..	..
Flight Navigator			(d) 72	84	84
Cadet			(d) 10	12	12
Radio Operators' Licences—					
Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators(b)	75	401	..	..	..
Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators(b)		238	..	..	..
1st Class Flight Radio Telegraphy Operator			(d) 80	106	106
1st Class Flight Radio Telephony Operator			(d) 559	590	590
2nd Class Flight Radio Telephony Operator			(d) 192	211	211
3rd Class Flight Radio Telephony Operator			(d) 5	6	6
Flight Engineers' Licences—					
Flight Engineer			(d) 8	16	16
Cadet Engineer					
Ground Engineers' Licences(b)	525	1,226	(d) 1,660	1,660	1,660
Aerodromes(b)—					
Government No.	71	96	131	133	133
Public "	213	230	243	240	240
Emergency "	147	73	54	49	49
Flying Boat Bases "	7	5	5	5	5
Hours Flown "	121,935	152,140	170,138	229,767	62,993
Mileage Flown (approx.) .. '000	14,099	21,538	24,485	33,814	9,245
Passengers Carried No.	147,919	522,157	871,471	1,222,459	320,570
Goods, Weight Carried '000 lb.	1,735	10,260	24,436	54,556	16,772
Mails, Gross Weight Carried					
'000 lb. (c) 740		1,862	941	1,015	268
Accidents—					
Persons Killed No.	38	44	15	13	13
Persons Injured "	15	1	17	27	..

(a) Includes oversea services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. (b) At 30th June of year above each column. (c) Net weight. (d) At 1st April, 1948; new categories in accordance with standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization. (e) At 31st December, 1948.

2. OVERSEA SERVICES—AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Particulars.		Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1948.
		1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Route miles	No.	6,985	(a) 10,471	19,459	36,099	36,099
Hours flown	'000.	12,686	22,645	32,633	39,488	10,151
Miles flown	'000.	1,736	4,265	5,921	7,555	1,988
Paying passengers	No.	5,350	15,702	31,055	41,124	10,372
Paying passenger miles	'000.	7,335	32,905	75,225	122,678	35,702
Freight—						
Actual tons	tons	6	152	349	660	182
Ton miles	'000.	(b)	406	978	2,630	640
Mail—						
Actual tons	tons	(b)	564	465	638	146
Ton miles	'000.	(b)	2,032	2,112	3,408	865

(a) Excludes Perth-Karachi Lancastrian service, now incorporated in route Sydney-Karachi via Singapore. (b) Not available.

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Service.	Route Miles.	Hours Flown.	Miles Flown ('000).	Paying Passen- gers.	Paying Passen- ger-miles ('000).	Freight.		Mail.		
						Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	
International Service—										
British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines—										
Sydney—Vancouver	8,383	1,526	308	988	4,712	7	44	8	45	
Auckland—Vancouver	1,326	459	93	288	1,509	..	1	2	9	
(6403)										
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.—										
Sydney—London	12,061	2,233	545	2,176	17,205	26	178	61	582	
Sydney—Norfolk Island	1,048	67	15	119	125	2	2	..	..
Sydney—Rabaul	2,509	1,426	213	2,330	2,841	48	54	8	12	
Sydney—Suva	2,205	194	27	161	285	2	4	..	..
International Services to Australia—										
British Overseas Airways Corporation—										
Karachi—Sydney (a)	7,227	827	182	..	..	69	292	38	165
Singapore—Sydney (a)	(4,476)	2,173	349	1,462	5,209	12	43	5	20	
Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.—										
Auckland—Sydney (b)	1,340	1,246	206	2,848	3,816	16	22	24	32	
Pan-American Airways—										
San Francisco—Sydney (c)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total (d)	..	36,099	10,151	1,938	10,372	35,702	182	640	146	865

(a) Particulars beyond Karachi and Singapore not available. (b) Particulars 1st May, 1948, to 10th June, 1948, not available (Charter operations). (c) Particulars not yet available.

(d) Incomplete.

NOTE.—Route miles in brackets are not included in totals.

(C.) TELEPHONES.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1948.
	1939.	1946.	1947.	1948.	
Lines connected	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
..	487,535	607,475	647,876	688,348	711,672
Instruments connected	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
..	661,996	855,917	905,017	963,154	995,773

(D.) MOTOR VEHICLES.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES).

REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1947-48.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
New South Wales ..	215,332	128,849	30,076	374,257	598,512	2,786,932	307,233	416,205	3,510,370
Victoria ..	171,203	121,097	29,143	321,443	470,971	2,119,859	117,755	217,901	2,455,518
Queensland ..	77,936	79,782	13,391	171,109	221,497	972,589	86,515	195,243	1,254,347
South Australia ..	70,672	35,641	14,265	120,578	159,003	683,067	78,058	27,232	788,357
Western Australia ..	35,596	35,001	8,877	79,474	103,438	609,219	36,849	50,827	696,895
Tasmania ..	19,905	10,239	4,101	34,245	40,388	245,107	20,194	48,255	313,556
Northern Territory ..	592	2,513		149	2,880	6,090	1,379	..	7,469
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,841	950	194	2,985	4,705	14,431	2,308	135	16,874
Total 1947-48 ..	593,077	414,072	100,196	1,107,345	1,601,394	7,437,294	650,294	955,798	9,043,386
Total 1946-47 ..	550,400	375,646	86,712	1,012,758	1,499,765	6,562,232	633,993	476,001	7,672,226
Total 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,238,497	6,318,435	508,387	257,652	7,084,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	227,057	182,344	81,759	75,741	37,955	21,493	592	1,987	628,928
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	136,156	127,913	83,191	36,364	37,539	11,116	2,513	1,055	435,847
Motor Cycles ..	33,398	30,698	14,918	15,353	9,625	4,491	149	236	108,868
Total at 31st Dec., 1948	396,611	340,955	179,868	127,458	85,119	37,100	a2,254	3,275	1,173,643
Total at 31st Dec., 1947	357,922	304,166	165,085	115,226	76,420	32,470	2,991	2,886	1,057,166
Total at 31st Dec., 1938	314,797	256,656	125,688	95,735	61,020	25,418	1,249	2,136	882,699

(a) At 30th June, 1948.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1948.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars ..	12,708	9,353	4,103	3,342	2,348	1,424	116	33,394
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	6,146	6,187	2,568	1,701	1,690	604	68	18,964
Motor Cycles ..	3,580	2,318	1,625	1,677	821	417	28	10,466
Total, six months ended Dec., 1948 ..	22,434	17,858	8,296	6,720	4,859	2,445	212	62,824
Total, six months ended Dec., 1947 ..	14,511	11,336	5,291	4,396	2,847	1,462	87	39,930
Total, six months ended Dec., 1938 ..	15,474	12,044	7,070	4,141	1,787	1,430	172	42,118

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

(E.) WIRELESS.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" 1946 ..	575,864	415,885	191,186	164,724	106,529	51,992	1,506,180
" 1947 ..	679,505	499,944	228,066	180,909	121,149	61,674	1,771,247
" 1948 ..	699,259	505,106	239,342	197,326	128,703	63,080	1,832,816
31st Dec., 1948 ..	710,542	531,913	250,509	205,595	134,872	66,064	1,899,495

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

Section VII.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a)368
1946	183	138	110	111	130	69	4	15	760	(a)362
1947	183	137	110	111	130	70	7	16	764	(a)357

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144
1945	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,132
1946	591	382	307	173	209	70	..	1	1,733	(b)2,131
1947	594	386	310	174	209	72	..	1	1,746	(b)2,153

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,180	1,406	1,951	1,204,863	1,204,863
1944	508,832	314,952	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,953	1,200,395	1,200,395
1946	527,738	324,380	199,719	101,595	77,622	28,314	1,997	2,293	1,263,658	1,263,658
1947	555,097	337,502	218,062	109,288	80,672	33,175	2,422	3,239	1,339,457	1,339,457

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of interstate unions, but also head State branches of interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1938 Year	390	466,325	40,138	8.7
1944	389	681,684	8,073	1.2
1945	388	673,750	7,864	1.2
1946	383	672,121	9,125	1.4
1947	381	718,096	8,432	1.2
1948	380	761,104	6,533	0.9
1932—June Quarter(c)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1945—March	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June	388	679,227	7,795	1.1
September	387	668,674	7,769	1.2
December	387	663,467	8,276	1.2
1946—March	385	662,296	9,062	1.4
June	385	661,432	8,757	1.3
September	381	672,200	9,212	1.4
December	381	692,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March	381	699,155	9,880	1.4
June	381	713,455	9,240	1.2
September	381	725,286	7,970	1.1
December	381	734,489	6,637	0.9
1948—March	381	744,901	6,484	0.9
June	380	752,222	6,549	0.9
September	380	769,959	6,813	0.9
December	380	777,332	6,287	0.8

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include persons out of work through sickness, but exclude persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 102. (c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1938 Year	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1944	..	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1945	..	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946	..	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1947	..	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.2
1948	..	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
1932—June	Quarter (b)	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1943—December	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	..	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	..	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	..	1.6	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	..	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	..	1.5	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	..	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	..	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June	..	1.6	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.3
September	..	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December	..	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March	..	1.5	1.6	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
June	..	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.2
September	..	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
December	..	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
1948—March	..	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
June	..	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
September	..	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
December	..	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 76. (b) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment(a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.		1947.		1948.		
	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec., Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. ..	39.6	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
II. Engineering, Metal works, &c. ..	33.9	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. ..	19.3	3.4	2.9	1.7	1.9	2.5	2.2
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	22.6	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.6
V. Books, Printing, &c. ..	16.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
VI. Other Manufacturing ..	43.0	1.9	1.7	1.5	2.1	1.9	1.3
VII. Building ..	42.1	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.0
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. ..	34.2	1.4	2.2	3.5	3.4	2.7	2.4
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services ..	29.6	1.4	1.6	1.8	0.7	1.0	1.3
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous ..	22.2	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
All Groups ..	30.0	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 76. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see page 84.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. .	2,524	303	1,445	778	422	42	5,514
1946-47 .. .	1,754	1,578	4,665	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48 .. .	664	150	2,632	51	409	33	3,939
1946-47—March Quarter .. .	2,118	1,815	7,281	208	923	59	12,404
June .. .	1,570	1,012	4,397	120	773	52	7,924
1947-48—September .. .	1,234	308	2,433	94	677	50	4,796
December .. .	644	147	1,631	56	427	33	2,938
March .. .	470	91	4,222	35	335	24	5,177
June .. .	308	56	2,241	19	198	24	2,846
1948-49—September .. .	281	42	712	21	183	30	1,269
December .. . (d)	315	30	672	10	114	33	1,174

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. .	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 .. .	3,088	2,232	1,165	851	715	386	8,437
1947-48 .. .	3,736	2,501	1,445	977	764	456	9,879
1946-47—March Quarter .. .	3,106	2,238	1,182	844	735	387	8,492
June .. .	3,520	2,450	1,252	907	754	394	9,277
1947-48—September .. .	3,939	2,618	1,442	1,031	798	499	10,327
December .. .	3,731	2,560	1,431	970	775	484	9,951
March .. .	3,525	2,368	1,429	947	746	419	9,434
June .. .	3,749	2,457	1,477	958	739	423	9,803
1948-49—September .. .	3,941	2,743	1,531	1,019	801	467	10,502
December .. . (d)	3,738	2,742	1,607	947	765	443	10,242

(a) In addition, an average of 117 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46; 396 during 1946-47 and 863 during 1947-48. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Preliminary.

(ii) Benefits Paid.(a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year .. .	£ 275,205	£ 28,234	£ 108,138	£ 73,226	£ 36,440	£ 3,827	£ 525,070
1946-47 .. .	172,141	159,060	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1947-48 .. .	60,499	16,639	248,357	4,038	37,192	2,904	369,629
1946-47—March Quarter .. .	60,275	74,344	172,582	5,766	22,827	1,571	337,365
June .. .	37,799	23,600	113,202	2,680	17,807	1,400	196,488
1947-48—September .. .	29,422	8,277	57,165	1,987	16,358	1,196	114,405
December .. .	14,629	4,322	32,522	1,098	8,923	775	62,269
March .. .	9,911	2,350	76,913	645	7,502	473	97,794
June .. .	6,537	1,690	81,757	308	4,409	460	95,161
1948-49—September .. .	6,548	1,123	12,487	197	4,488	1,221	26,064
December .. .	6,142	486	12,092	115	2,119	663	21,617

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1945-46 Year .. .	198,943	139,267	76,306	53,076	34,817	23,459	525,868
1946-47 .. .	258,782	182,184	106,631	74,471	56,050	33,246	711,364
1947-48 .. .	302,987	209,128	103,521	79,110	58,255	38,326	791,327
1946-47—March Quarter .. .	70,408	45,066	36,334	17,134	12,020	7,526	188,488
June .. .	80,171	48,373	15,662	18,719	14,104	8,958	185,087
1947-48—September .. .	84,400	49,201	20,168	20,971	16,045	9,974	200,759
December .. .	80,206	59,174	26,274	20,348	13,587	10,856	210,445
March .. .	70,854	46,397	25,526	17,734	14,695	8,690	183,896
June .. .	67,527	54,356	31,553	20,057	13,928	8,806	196,227
1948-49—September .. .	84,517	55,409	22,556	22,365	17,024	11,694	213,565
December .. .	78,807	46,502	31,538	18,911	16,676	9,377	201,811

(a) In addition, £4,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46; £27,939 during 1946-47 and £56,518 during 1947-48. (b) Includes Aust. Cap. Terr. (c) Includes Nor. Terr.

NOTE.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII, of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1947*) provides for the payment of benefit to person whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, plus 20s. for a dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years, and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA. (a)
(Thousands).

Month.	Total Employment. (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Govern- ment- al Au- thori- ties. (b)	Private Em- ployers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Com- mu- ni- ca- tion.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- mer- ce and Fin- ance.	Pro- fes- sional and Per- sonal Ser- vices. (d)
MALES.										
1933—June	262.2	729.8	992.0	36.3	251.7	151.7e	164.5	212.3	112.6	
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6	
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.6	102.3	117.4	123.9
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.2	509.0	117.5	195.9	81.5	98.8	108.4
1943—June	413.3	859.9	1,278.2	45.2	520.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	89.3	100.1
1944—June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	92.7	106.6
1945—June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	43.6	514.5	87.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.0
1946—June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	48.8	558.4	124.9	237.8	103.2	133.5	140.5
1947—June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	155.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9
1948—Apr.	490.2	1,227.1	1,717.3	52.0	612.2	165.1	267.9	122.6	161.4	162.6
May	492.9	1,232.7	1,725.6	52.2	614.7	167.3	269.2	123.5	161.4	163.1
June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	52.7	617.2	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3
July	496.3	1,237.0	1,733.3	52.7	617.1	169.9	270.8	124.0	160.4	163.2
Aug.	496.9	1,238.2	1,735.1	52.6	617.4	170.9	270.7	124.0	161.0	163.2
Sept.	498.2	1,240.5	1,738.7	52.6	617.5	170.6	271.2	124.1	162.8	163.9
Oct.	498.3	1,242.5	1,740.8	50.9	617.0	171.4	272.7	124.1	164.4	164.2
Nov.	500.0	1,249.0	1,749.0	51.7	619.2	172.1	272.6	126.6	165.4	164.9
Dec.	503.4	1,250.1	1,753.5	51.9	616.9	171.4	274.7	130.1	165.6	165.9
FEMALES.										
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3	130.7	
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0	
1941—July	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9
1942—June	100.8	502.8	603.6	0.6	206.0	2.0	25.7	104.2	51.8	160.2
1943—June	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.6	98.5	52.6	165.3
1944—June	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	170.7
1945—June	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.3	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	175.7
1946—June	94.0	502.0	596.0	0.5	192.1	2.4	32.4	99.7	50.8	183.3
1947—June	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	199.9	2.6	32.4	104.0	53.0	193.3
1948—Apr.	94.4	516.8	611.2	0.6	205.1	2.9	34.2	108.0	56.1	200.4
May	94.8	547.0	614.8	0.6	204.6	2.9	34.6	108.5	56.0	200.7
June	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	205.4	2.9	35.0	109.3	56.9	200.3
July	95.2	549.9	645.1	0.6	206.2	3.0	34.9	108.7	57.8	200.3
Aug.	95.1	550.9	646.0	0.6	207.0	3.0	35.0	108.3	57.7	200.9
Sept.	95.1	555.9	651.0	0.6	209.1	2.9	35.2	108.9	58.3	202.6
Oct.	95.2	559.2	654.4	0.6	210.2	2.9	35.6	109.9	58.4	203.7
Nov.	95.5	563.7	659.2	0.7	211.2	3.0	35.9	113.3	58.5	203.7
Dec.	95.9	567.3	663.2	0.7	209.7	2.9	36.4	118.1	58.7	203.5
PERSONS.										
1933—June	308.7	1,024.1	1,332.8	36.5	354.8	152.4e	175.5	299.6	243.3	
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6	
1941—July	446.1	1,478.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8
1942—June	521.7	1,391.4	1,918.1	48.8	715.0	119.5	221.6	185.7	150.6	268.6
1943—June	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	265.4
1944—June	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3
1945—June	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	44.0	720.8	90.1	246.2	172.8	149.7	289.7
1946—June	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	49.3	750.5	127.3	270.2	202.9	184.3	323.8
1947—June	564.1	1,704.9	2,265.0	51.5	793.1	158.3	288.8	220.0	204.9	349.2
1948—Apr.	584.6	1,773.9	2,358.5	52.6	817.3	168.0	302.1	230.6	217.5	363.0
May	587.7	1,779.7	2,367.4	52.8	819.3	170.2	303.8	232.0	217.4	363.8
June	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	53.3	822.6	170.7	304.9	232.6	218.6	363.6
July	591.5	1,786.9	2,378.4	53.3	823.3	172.9	305.7	232.7	218.2	363.5
Aug.	592.0	1,789.1	2,381.1	53.2	824.4	173.9	305.7	232.3	218.7	364.1
Sept.	593.3	1,796.4	2,389.7	53.2	826.6	173.5	306.4	233.0	221.1	366.5
Oct.	593.5	1,801.7	2,395.2	51.5	827.2	174.3	308.3	234.0	222.8	367.9
Nov.	595.5	1,812.7	2,408.2	52.4	830.4	175.1	308.5	239.9	223.9	368.6
Dec.	599.3	1,817.4	2,416.7	52.6	826.6	174.3	311.1	248.2	224.3	369.4

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1947) subject to revision.

(b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1947, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic). (e) Includes 72,300 labourers, industry undefined.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

(Thousands.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
--------	--------	------	------	------	------	------	------	--------	------------

MALES.

1933—June ..	380.6	288.6	139.8	80.5	70.1	29.0	1.0	2.4	992.0
1939—July ..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,298.1
1941—July ..	547.7	403.4	166.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.5	3.1	1,363.4
1942—June ..	535.0	375.5	165.8	116.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.5
1943—June ..	525.1	355.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,273.2
1944—June ..	524.1	352.1	169.0	110.3	71.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June ..	536.0	359.2	169.0	109.4	75.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June ..	618.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June ..	671.8	452.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—April ..	699.2	471.6	227.0	147.1	108.2	54.5	3.8	5.9	1,717.3
May ..	700.0	472.8	231.1	148.3	109.2	54.7	3.8	5.7	1,725.6
June ..	702.3	473.8	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,730.9
July ..	702.2	473.9	233.9	148.9	109.4	54.6	4.2	6.2	1,733.3
August ..	703.8	474.0	234.1	149.3	108.6	54.9	4.2	6.2	1,735.1
September ..	704.8	474.6	234.5	150.1	109.4	54.8	4.2	6.3	1,738.7
October ..	704.7	474.9	234.5	150.6	110.2	55.1	4.1	6.7	1,740.8
November ..	708.1	477.8	234.8	151.2	111.0	55.3	4.1	6.7	1,749.0
December ..	710.3	480.9	232.2	152.0	111.5	55.9	4.1	6.6	1,753.5

FEMALES.

1933—June ..	125.8	118.2	40.5	26.0	20.6	9.1	0.1	0.5	340.8
1939—July ..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July ..	218.3	186.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June ..	235.0	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	603.8
1943—June ..	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June ..	250.9	198.3	77.4	50.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June ..	247.9	193.2	75.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June ..	242.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.6	0.4	1.6	596.0
1947—June ..	252.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.8
1948—April ..	259.6	197.6	77.0	49.8	36.9	17.9	0.6	1.8	641.2
May ..	260.7	196.4	77.5	49.8	36.9	18.0	0.6	1.9	641.8
June ..	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
July ..	262.7	196.5	78.2	50.4	37.1	17.8	0.6	1.8	645.1
August ..	263.0	197.2	78.1	50.6	37.1	17.6	0.6	1.8	646.0
September ..	265.7	197.8	79.0	51.2	37.2	17.6	0.6	1.9	651.0
October ..	267.5	198.7	79.0	51.6	37.6	17.5	0.6	1.9	654.4
November ..	269.7	200.5	79.2	51.7	37.7	17.8	0.6	2.0	659.2
December ..	271.1	202.0	79.7	51.7	38.0	18.1	0.6	2.0	663.2

PERSONS.

1933—June ..	506.4	406.8	180.3	106.5	90.7	38.1	1.1	2.9	1,832.8
1939—July ..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1941—July ..	766.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June ..	770.0	574.0	232.3	168.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,913.1
1943—June ..	779.5	560.6	241.4	163.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June ..	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June ..	783.9	552.4	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June ..	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.2	6.1	2,102.5
1947—June ..	923.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	139.5	68.0	3.8	7.1	2,269.0
1948—April ..	958.8	669.2	304.0	196.9	145.1	72.4	4.4	7.7	2,358.5
May ..	960.7	669.2	308.6	198.1	146.1	72.7	4.4	7.6	2,367.4
June ..	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
July ..	964.9	670.4	312.1	199.3	146.5	72.4	4.8	8.0	2,378.4
August ..	966.8	671.2	312.2	199.9	145.7	72.5	4.8	8.0	2,381.1
September ..	970.5	672.4	313.5	201.3	146.6	72.4	4.8	8.2	2,389.7
October ..	972.2	673.6	313.5	202.2	147.8	72.6	4.7	8.6	2,395.2
November ..	977.8	678.3	314.0	202.9	148.7	73.1	4.7	8.7	2,408.2
December ..	981.4	682.9	311.9	203.7	149.5	74.0	4.7	8.6	2,416.7

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 79.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.			Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
							Unadjusted.	Adjusted. (a)		
1936-37(b)	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950 959
1937-38(b)	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019 1,019
1938-39(b)	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031 1,022
1941-42(b)	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	504.7	198.1	c702.8	1,337 1,286
1942-43(b)	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	517.7	221.1	c738.8	1,405 1,339
1943-44(b)	313.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	519.4	225.1	c744.5	1,416 1,338
1944-45(b)	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	c727.2	1,383 1,298
1945-46(b)	300.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.9	193.3	718.2	1,366 1,265
1946-47(b)	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475 1,347
1947-48(b)(d)	346.2	266.0	72.3	70.7	33.8	20.2	605.9	203.3	809.2	1,539 1,384
1946-47— June	338.7	260.8	71.1	69.5	33.1	19.9	593.2	199.9	793.1	1,508 1,367
1947-48—(d)										
April	348.3	269.4	72.9	71.6	34.0	21.1	612.2	205.1	817.3	1,555 1,390
May	348.6	268.9	74.8	71.3	34.6	21.1	614.7	204.6	819.3	1,558 1,390
June	350.0	269.3	75.9	71.8	34.5	21.1	617.2	205.4	822.6	1,565 1,395
July	351.0	268.9	76.5	71.8	34.4	20.7	617.1	206.2	823.3	1,566 1,393
August	351.7	269.6	76.6	71.6	34.2	20.7	617.4	207.0	824.4	1,568 1,393
September	353.0	270.0	76.3	72.2	34.4	20.7	617.5	209.1	826.6	1,572 1,394
October	353.4	270.6	75.6	72.4	34.7	20.5	617.0	210.2	827.2	1,573 1,393
November	354.9	271.9	75.9	72.3	34.7	20.7	619.2	211.2	830.4	1,579 1,396
December	353.5	271.8	73.0	72.5	34.8	21.0	616.9	209.7	826.6	1,572 1,387

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.

(b) Average of monthly figures. (c) Includes Government munitions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards—1941-42, 79.8; 1942-43, 121.8; 1943-44, 116.0; and 1944-45, 89.1.

(d) From July, 1947, monthly figures are estimates.

subject to revision.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).

MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)

1946—June	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,080	1,016
1947—June	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—June	1,247	1,242	1,272	1,334	1,411	1,261	1,269
August	1,274	1,257	1,295	1,347	1,430	1,243	1,289
September	1,267	1,270	1,304	1,366	1,447	1,259	1,294
October	1,271	1,266	1,306	1,384	1,453	1,267	1,297
November	1,305	1,296	1,322	1,413	1,493	1,269	1,326
December	1,358	1,327	1,344	1,430	1,514	1,319	1,364

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)

1946—June	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005
1947—June	1,038	989	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—June	1,139	1,063	1,215	1,201	1,157	1,210	1,136
August	1,142	1,059	1,222	1,164	1,165	1,188	1,133
September	1,156	1,058	1,233	1,176	1,174	1,204	1,142
October	1,165	1,066	1,250	1,204	1,198	1,210	1,155
November	1,205	1,106	1,279	1,245	1,221	1,238	1,192
December	1,272	1,155	1,328	1,264	1,270	1,296	1,246

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000.)

1946—June	988	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,088	1,005
1947—June	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,181	1,153	1,148	1,089
1948—June	1,193	1,151	1,246	1,265	1,277	1,236	1,196
August	1,207	1,156	1,262	1,252	1,294	1,216	1,205
September	1,211	1,162	1,272	1,267	1,302	1,232	1,212
October	1,218	1,164	1,280	1,291	1,318	1,239	1,210
November	1,255	1,199	1,302	1,326	1,349	1,254	1,253
December	1,315	1,239	1,337	1,344	1,385	1,308	1,299

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.—NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK).

Period	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1947 ..	921	2,731	254,587	43,211	297,798	881,729	37,682	919,411	1,360,632
1947—Sept. Qtr.	234	263	49,721	3,067	52,788	136,182	9,988	146,170	220,715
Dec. ..	245	1,649	63,485	32,376	95,861	281,719	..	281,719	423,752
1948—March ..	319	848	86,561	2,160	88,721	192,681	..	192,681	322,073
June ..	245	253	44,293	1,556	45,849	83,962	..	83,962	145,806
Sept. ..	361	426	67,181	1,143	68,324	160,321	..	160,321	279,895

VICTORIA.

Year—1947 ..	17	233	6,005	1,929	7,934	29,717	304,468	334,185	417,426
1947—Sept. Qtr.	5	5	690	18	708	7,549	..	7,549	9,542
Dec. ..	4	103	702	..	702	3,276	..	3,276	5,064
1948—March ..	6	29	10,161	155	10,316	57,444	..	57,444	78,643
June ..	5	5	293	..	293	2,615	..	2,615	4,833
Sept. ..	3	3	629	..	629	2,509	..	2,509	3,228

QUEENSLAND.

Year—1947 ..	13	24	11,944	20	11,964	27,105	4,140	31,245	45,953
1947—Sept. Qtr.	2	2	364	..	364	5,336	..	5,336	7,893
Dec. ..	5	5	8,511	..	8,511	8,838	..	8,838	12,796
1948—March ..	6	6	12,649	7,797	20,446	804,737	..	804,737	817,394
June ..	1	5	100	..	100	100	..	100	165
Sept. ..	1	1	85	..	85	170	..	170	340

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1947 ..	17	35	4,821	832	5,653	32,686	6,968	39,654	53,916
1947—Sept. Qtr.	2	2	1,745	..	1,745	17,935	..	17,935	26,782
Dec. ..	3	9	144	..	144	668	..	668	895
1948—March ..	11	18	4,398	1,066	5,464	15,637	..	15,637	25,268
June ..	6	6	285	..	285	2,105	..	2,105	3,195
Sept. ..	1	1	400	..	400	3,600	..	3,600	5,600

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1947 ..	7	12	1,759	7	1,766	6,070	..	6,070	8,622
1947—Sept. Qtr.	2	2	71	..	71	502	..	502	645
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1948—March ..	1	1	244	..	244	488	..	488	600
June ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

TASMANIA.

Year—1947 ..	6	17	1,152	220	1,372	5,563	..	5,563	7,636
1947—Sept. Qtr.	1	1	171	..	171	1,197	..	1,197	1,760
Dec. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1948—March ..	2	2	220	..	220	38	..	38	80
June ..	1	2	40	..	40	80	..	80	145
Sept. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

AUSTRALIA.

Year—1947(a) ..	982	3,058	280,718	46,419	327,137	983,470	353,258	1,338,728	1,898,085
1947—Sept. Qtr.	246	275	52,762	3,085	55,847	168,701	9,988	178,689	267,337
Dec. ..(a)	258	1,772	73,292	32,576	105,868	297,101	..	297,101	446,407
1948—March ..(b)	346	984	115,533	11,178	126,711	1,072,325	..	1,072,325	1,245,858
June ..	258	271	45,011	1,556	46,567	88,862	..	88,862	153,644
Sept. ..(c)	367	432	68,357	1,143	69,500	168,832	..	168,832	292,427

(a) Includes one dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 650; working days lost, 2,600; estimated loss in wages, £3,900. (b) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 1,300; working days lost, 1,300; estimated loss in wages, £1,800. (c) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 62; working days lost, 2,232; estimated loss in wages, £3,364.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID.							
Year—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1941–42	4,204	2,991	1,275	881	599	270	10,220
1942–43	4,617	3,198	1,498	951	582	283	11,129
1943–44	4,757	3,254	1,624	966	607	304	11,512
1944–45—							
December Qtr.	4,819	3,280	1,600	961	634	310	11,604
March	4,589	3,092	1,449	909	624	304	10,967
June	4,835	3,250	1,577	913	643	323	11,541
Year	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,341
1945–46—							
September Qtr.	4,809	3,215	1,563	930	653	330	11,500
December	4,910	3,370	1,615	910	673	335	11,813
March	4,817	3,290	1,474	920	687	339	11,527
June	5,384	3,686	1,613	1,036	756	375	12,850
Year	4,980	3,390	1,566	949	692	345	11,922
1946–47—							
September Qtr.	5,495	3,756	1,692	1,082	789	385	13,199
December	5,949	4,018	1,816	1,153	832	411	14,179
March	5,713	3,847	1,687	1,148	811	396	13,602
June	6,246	4,261	1,896	1,223	890	449	14,965
Year	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947–48—							
September Qtr.	6,480	4,399	2,004	1,269	902	447	15,501
December	7,229	4,817	2,147	1,365	970	492	17,020
March	6,753	4,543	1,863	1,350	936	486	15,931
June	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
Year	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,364	955	491	16,562
1948–49—							
September Qtr.	7,759	5,303	2,426	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,166	582	20,108

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)

Year—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1941–42	5.78	5.72	5.26	5.25	5.43	4.80	5.59
1942–43	6.59	6.56	6.23	6.02	5.93	5.39	6.42
1943–44	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944–45—							
December Qtr.	6.89	6.89	6.58	6.27	6.40	5.79	6.73
March	6.54	6.47	6.00	5.97	6.21	5.56	6.35
June	6.86	6.81	6.42	6.06	6.33	5.83	6.65
Year	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945–46—							
September Qtr.	6.73	6.71	6.23	6.14	6.25	5.87	6.55
December	6.90	6.93	6.34	6.00	6.25	5.81	6.67
March	6.35	6.41	5.63	5.74	5.91	5.53	6.16
June	6.76	6.84	5.98	6.04	6.14	5.82	6.54
Year	6.68	6.72	6.04	5.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946–47—							
September Qtr.	6.69	6.75	5.99	6.05	6.22	5.81	6.49
December	7.09	7.15	6.31	6.36	6.36	6.12	6.86
March	6.72	6.75	5.79	6.21	6.06	5.79	6.48
June	7.23	7.34	6.31	6.53	6.56	6.43	7.00
Year	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947–48—							
September Qtr.	7.40	7.52	6.46	6.71	6.70	6.35	7.16
December	8.15	8.14	6.88	7.15	7.12	6.89	7.77
March	7.58	7.60	6.20	7.01	6.83	6.67	7.27
June	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
Year	7.85	7.93	6.67	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.55
1948–49—							
September Qtr.	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.98	7.72	7.26	8.33
December	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

WAGES.—ADULT MALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	157/8	153/11	147/5	149/3	148/6	148/9	152/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/11½	3/10½	3/8½	3/8½	3/8½	3/8½	3/9½
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	155/1	151/9	152/2	149/6	155/0	155/8	153/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/10½	3/9½	3/9½	3/8½	3/10½	3/10½	3/10
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	149/10	150/6	141/11	148/3	144/8	145/7	147/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/9	3/9½	3/6½	3/8½	3/7½	3/7½	3/8½
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	145/0	149/5	154/5	154/5	156/1	144/5	148/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/10½	3/8½	3/10½	3/10½	3/10½	3/7½	3/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	180/0	166/2	157/10	162/6	174/0	167/8	170/6
	Working Hours	40.00	39.51	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	39.83
	Hourly Wage	4/6	4/2½	3/11½	4/0½	4/4½	4/2½	4/3½
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	152/9	148/6	145/6	153/5	148/3	150/2	150/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/9½	3/8½	3/7½	3/10	3/8½	3/9	3/9½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	171/1	170/7	164/6	164/2	158/8	161/5	168/6
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	4/3½	4/3½	4/1½	4/1½	3/11½	4/0½	4/2½
VIII. Mining (d)	Weekly Wage	160/8	154/9	156/10	149/5	166/1	158/3	159/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	38.26	40.00	39.74
	Hourly Wage	4/0½	3/10½	3/11	3/8½	4/4	3/11½	4/0
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	156/11	151/3	151/0	146/6	144/6	151/0	152/4
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/11	3/9½	3/9½	3/8	3/7½	3/9½	3/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	151/3	137/3	137/6	135/10	141/6	137/5	143/0
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/9½	3/5½	3/5½	3/4½	3/6½	3/5½	3/7
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage (e)	169/1	168/2	174/10	166/2	170/6	166/6	169/4
	Working Hours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hourly Wage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage (f)	157/3	150/4	152/8	152/1	151/9	152/8	153/8
	Working Hours	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hourly Wage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage (f)	144/6	141/0	126/4	127/2	129/0	122/11	137/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage (f)	3/7½	3/6½	3/2	3/2½	3/2½	3/1	3/5½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	147/10	143/1	136/2	145/0	137/4	141/1	143/9
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	3/8½	3/7	3/4½	3/7½	3/5½	3/6½	3/7
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	155/5	150/5	148/4	150/3	150/10	150/3	152/0
All Groups except XI. and XII. (b)	Weekly Wage	154/3	149/11	145/6	148/6	149/6	148/5	150/9
	Working Hours	40.00	39.99	40.00	40.00	39.57	40.00	39.96
	Hourly Wage	3/10½	3/9	3/7½	3/8½	3/9½	3/8½	3/9½

(a) The nominal wage and hour figures are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (e) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (f) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

WAGES.—ADULT FEMALES—AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	88/11	98/3	86/10	95/2	91/10	105/9	93/8
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/2 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/2	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	95/11	96/1	99/3	99/9	99/9	96/3	96/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/6	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	98/10	103/4	84/8	94/6	..	106/6	99/11
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/7	2/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	..	2/8	2/6
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage c	86/7	92/2	84/7	85/11	79/10	78/8	86/10
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage c	2/2	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/1 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/0	1/11 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/2
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c... ..	Weekly Wage	100/6	110/3	103/2	79/8	..	..	102/3
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	..	..	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/9	2/7	2/0	..	..	2/6 $\frac{1}{2}$
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	95/1	99/0	95/4	91/3	89/10	92/5	96/1
	Working Hours	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Hourly Wage	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/3	2/3 $\frac{1}{2}$	2/4 $\frac{1}{2}$

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 30th SEPTEMBER, 1948.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
-------	--------	------	-------	------	------	------	-----------

ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December 1914 ..	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" 1938 ..	95 0	91 2	95 10	87 1	99 1	88 5	93 5
" 1943 ..	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
" 1944 ..	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
" 1945 ..	121 10	120 4	119 10	114 5	122 9	116 11	120 4
" 1946 ..	130 11	128 11	128 0	121 4	125 7	125 2	128 6
" 1947(c) ..	141 3	136 10	134 9	133 10	137 8	133 0	137 11
30th June, 1948 ..	149 1	146 8	143 6	140 10	144 1	143 5	146 3
30th September, 1948 ..	155 5	150 5	148 4	150 3	150 10	150 3	152 0

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" 1938 ..	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" 1943 ..	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329
" 1944 ..	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,216	2,377	2,273	2,332
" 1945 ..	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
" 1946 ..	2,554	2,515	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507
" 1947(c) ..	2,757	2,670	2,630	2,612	2,686	2,595	2,690
30th June, 1948 ..	2,909	2,862	2,801	2,747	2,811	2,798	2,854
30th September, 1948 ..	3,032	2,935	2,894	2,931	2,943	2,932	2,966

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st December, 1914 ..	26 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" 1938 ..	51 10	50 7	53 6	47 9	54 4	49 8	51 3
" 1943 ..	67 11	70 2	69 9	61 3	66 6	63 3	68 4
" 1944 ..	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	68 6	71 11
" 1945(c) ..	72 7	75 7	74 10	67 2	67 6	71 3	73 5
" 1946(c) ..	80 4	82 6	82 4	76 0	73 10	77 8	80 9
" 1947(c) ..	84 3	88 6	85 10	80 10	80 1	81 11	85 8
30th June, 1948 ..	92 4	97 0	92 10	87 2	88 9	88 10	93 2
30th September, 1948 ..	95 1	99 0	95 4	91 3	89 10	92 5	96 1

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" 1938 ..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,828	1,887
" 1943 ..	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516
" 1944 ..	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,647
" 1945(c) ..	2,671	2,782	2,754	2,471	2,484	2,621	2,701
" 1946(c) ..	2,956	3,035	3,031	2,797	2,718	2,860	2,972
" 1947(c) ..	3,102	3,256	3,160	2,976	2,947	3,014	3,152
30th June, 1948 ..	3,399	3,570	3,417	3,209	3,266	3,268	3,446
30th September, 1948 ..	3,501	3,644	3,508	3,357	3,305	3,401	3,537

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) Weighted average for Australia.

(c) Revised.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES BY STATE INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNALS.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
New South Wales ..	£ 6 (a) 4 0	£ 3 (a) 3 7 0	1.2.49	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(6 3 0)	(3 6 6)	1.2.49	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 6 2 0	(d) 3 14 0	19.1.49	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	5 17 0	3 6 6	8.7.48	" " " "
Western Australia ..	(e) 6 4 9	(e) 3 7 4	9.2.49	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(6 1 0)	(3 5 6)	1.2.49	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong. Broken Hill—Males, £6 9s.; Females, £3 9s. 6d. Elsewhere—Males, £6 1s.; Females, £3 5s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates (Capital city) shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Males—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South Western, 7s. 4d.; Females—half of these allowances. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 9.2.49 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £6 12s. 9d.; Females, £3 11s. 8d.; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £6 4s. 4d.; Females, £3 7s. 2d.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital.	1st September, 1939.	1st February, 1948.	1st May, 1948.	1st August, 1948.	1st November, 1948.	1st February, 1949.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney ..	81 0	114 0	116 0	120 0	122 0	124 0
Melbourne ..	81 0	113 0	115 0	117 0	120 0	123 0
Brisbane ..	76 0	107 0	110 0	113 0	115 0	118 0
Adelaide ..	78 0	108 0	111 0	114 0	116 0	119 0
Perth ..	77 0	107 0	110 0	112 0	116 0	118 0
Hobart ..	77 0	110 0	112 0	115 0	118 0	121 0
Six Capitals ..	79 0	111 0	114 0	116 0	119 0	122 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1946, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.

AWARDS OF INDUSTRIAL COURTS AND WAGES BOARD DETERMINATIONS MADE AND INDUSTRIAL AGREEMENTS FILED.

State.	1938.		1944.		1945.		1946.		1947.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.								
New South Wales ..	64	38	36	10	40	19	66	18	57	16
Victoria ..	99	..	110	..	69	..	116	..	119	..
Queensland ..	38	38	14	29	58	33	23	47	37	112
South Australia ..	6	4	31	3	48	6	124	13	34	7
Western Australia ..	28	31	9	9	9	11	12	6	65	49
Tasmania ..	26	..	16	..	6	..	9	..	22	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	45	13	29	23	13	26	57	26
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	4	..	7	..	2	..	5	..
Total	295	124	265	64	266	92	365	110	306	210

Section VIII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the All Items ("C" Series) Index published on page 90.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.—CAPITAL CITIES.

(“B” Series.)

(*Base of each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.*)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1947.				1948.			
							Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.			
Sydney	904	1,025	1,035	1,039	1,110	1,258	1,138	1,192	1,235	1,279	1,326			
Melbourne	884	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,160	1,206	1,240	1,293	1,355			
Brisbane	838	965	966	981	1,055	1,208	1,092	1,155	1,185	1,212	1,280			
Adelaide	861	993	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,112	1,155	1,209	1,252	1,305			
Perth	899	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,132	1,192	1,222	1,264	1,324			
Hobart	880	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,180	1,236	1,274	1,337	1,416			
Six Capitals (b)	886	1,026	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,138	1,190	1,229	1,274	1,330			

GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	..	904	1,025	1,035	1,039	1,110	1,258	1,138	1,192	1,235	1,279	1,326	
Melbourne	..	884	1,049	1,057	1,052	1,110	1,274	1,160	1,206	1,240	1,293	1,355	
Brisbane	..	838	965	966	981	1,055	1,208	1,092	1,155	1,185	1,212	1,280	
Adelaide	..	861	993	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,112	1,155	1,209	1,252	1,305	
Perth	..	899	1,056	1,060	1,059	1,104	1,251	1,132	1,192	1,222	1,264	1,324	
Hobart	..	880	1,035	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,180	1,236	1,274	1,337	1,416	
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	1,026	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,138	1,190	1,229	1,274	1,330	

GROUP II.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	..	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,044	1,047	1,045	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,047	1,047
Melbourne	..	935	974	973	973	974	974	974	974	974	974	974	974
Brisbane	..	841	863	863	863	864	866	864	865	865	865	866	866
Adelaide	..	868	892	892	894	897	903	899	899	902	904	905	905
Perth	..	872	886	886	886	887	889	887	888	888	889	889	890
Hobart	..	913	932	933	936	936	937	936	936	936	936	936	938
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	976	975	976	977	979	977	978	979	979	979	980

GROUPS I—II.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS) (“B” Series).

Sydney	..	941	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,099	1,132	1,159	1,185	1,214	
Melbourne	..	902	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,084	1,113	1,134	1,166	1,203	
Brisbane	..	838	923	924	932	978	1,072	1,001	1,039	1,058	1,074	1,116	
Adelaide	..	862	951	957	960	998	1,100	1,026	1,053	1,086	1,113	1,146	
Perth	..	887	987	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,034	1,071	1,089	1,115	1,152	
Hobart	..	891	992	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,082	1,116	1,139	1,178	1,226	
Six Capitals (b)	..	906	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,073	1,105	1,129	1,156	1,190	

(a) See note (a) on page 90.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (b) on page 91.

**RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING
(4 AND 5 ROOMS). ("B" SERIES.)^(a)**

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1947.		1948.			
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney ..	941	1,030	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,099	1,132	1,159	1,185	1,214	
Newcastle ..	898	987	989	990	1,035	1,129	1,054	1,089	1,116	1,141	1,171	
Broken Hill ..	948	1,055	1,073	1,073	1,110	1,206	1,143	1,165	1,191	1,217	1,251	
Goulburn ..	908	999	997	996	1,030	1,130	1,050	1,090	1,112	1,141	1,178	
Bathurst ..	867	951	958	966	1,006	1,102	1,024	1,063	1,092	1,114	1,139	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,026	1,032	1,034	1,078	1,169	1,096	1,129	1,155	1,181	1,211	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne ..	902	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,084	1,113	1,134	1,166	1,203	
Ballarat ..	808	907	912	917	950	1,052	976	1,011	1,031	1,064	1,102	
Bendigo ..	817	923	926	928	952	1,048	979	1,014	1,029	1,058	1,089	
Geelong ..	872	958	957	961	1,012	1,116	1,042	1,075	1,096	1,129	1,162	
Warrnambool ..	898	995	1,008	1,020	1,042	1,134	1,066	1,098	1,117	1,144	1,176	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,009	1,013	1,011	1,046	1,146	1,076	1,105	1,126	1,158	1,195	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane ..	838	923	924	932	978	1,072	1,001	1,039	1,058	1,074	1,116	
Toowoomba ..	806	945	949	955	1,001	1,087	1,016	1,055	1,073	1,092	1,126	
Rockhampton ..	825	908	917	919	971	1,063	989	1,025	1,047	1,072	1,107	
Townsville ..	900	975	979	989	1,036	1,125	1,051	1,089	1,109	1,133	1,169	
Bundaberg ..	781	886	886	897	942	1,030	954	992	1,012	1,040	1,077	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	926	928	936	982	1,074	1,003	1,041	1,060	1,078	1,118	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide ..	862	951	957	960	998	1,100	1,026	1,053	1,086	1,113	1,146	
Kadina, &c. ..	702	776	779	790	825	907	843	870	891	917	948	
Port Pirie ..	838	923	931	933	971	1,063	998	1,024	1,047	1,073	1,109	
Mount Gambier ..	801	884	895	903	931	1,022	947	982	1,012	1,034	1,058	
Peterborough ..	836	922	935	936	973	1,067	996	1,030	1,051	1,076	1,109	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	944	949	952	990	1,091	1,018	1,045	1,077	1,104	1,137	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c. ..	887	987	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,034	1,071	1,089	1,115	1,152	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,121	1,128	1,136	1,174	1,266	1,199	1,234	1,249	1,274	1,305	
Northam ..	911	999	1,001	1,003	1,034	1,131	1,055	1,090	1,114	1,142	1,176	
Bunbury ..	945	1,010	1,015	1,024	1,056	1,148	1,078	1,110	1,129	1,159	1,192	
Geraldton ..	974	1,079	1,072	1,073	1,103	1,193	1,124	1,157	1,177	1,204	1,235	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	1,000	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,122	1,049	1,086	1,104	1,130	1,166	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart ..	891	992	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,082	1,116	1,139	1,178	1,226	
Launceston ..	867	936	943	956	1,001	1,113	1,033	1,070	1,093	1,127	1,163	
Burnie ..	880	958	954	969	1,006	1,108	1,034	1,067	1,093	1,120	1,151	
Devonport ..	846	920	924	939	976	1,078	1,004	1,038	1,065	1,090	1,120	
Queenstown ..	900	1,004	1,014	1,028	1,067	1,173	1,096	1,128	1,155	1,187	1,223	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	970	977	992	1,032	1,143	1,062	1,097	1,120	1,156	1,199	
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	998	1,003	1,005	1,045	1,140	1,068	1,100	1,124	1,151	1,185	
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,004	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,073	1,105	1,129	1,156	1,190	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	886	891	904	956	1,039	973	1,004	1,023	1,047	1,080	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	914	925	929	968	1,063	991	1,018	1,047	1,076	1,111	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	..	..	..	..	1,013	1,103	1,031	1,063	1,088	1,113	1,147
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d)	1,043	1,058	1,059	1,062	1,096	1,191	1,117	1,153	1,170	1,196	1,243	

(a) See footnote (a) on page 90. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1947.			1948.			Per- cent- age in- crease from Aug., 1939 to Dec., 1948.		
		Month.			Month.					
	Aug.	Month.		Dec. Qtr.	Month.		Dec. Qtr.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney .. .	926	1,113	1,131	1,171	1,138	1,308	1,321	1,348	1,326	45.6
Newcastle .. .	960	1,131	1,149	1,184	1,155	1,317	1,351	1,370	1,346	42.7
Broken Hill .. .	1,069	1,374	1,380	1,419	1,391	1,532	1,577	1,593	1,567	49.0
Goulburn .. .	991	1,140	1,145	1,191	1,159	1,340	1,357	1,413	1,370	42.6
Bathurst .. .	930	1,125	1,132	1,172	1,143	1,314	1,323	1,357	1,331	44.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	932	1,120	1,138	1,177	1,145	1,313	1,329	1,355	1,332	45.4
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne .. .	931	1,146	1,149	1,184	1,160	1,341	1,352	1,372	1,355	47.4
Ballarat .. .	939	1,125	1,135	1,181	1,147	1,330	1,348	1,370	1,349	45.0
Bendigo .. .	915	1,107	1,122	1,172	1,134	1,296	1,312	1,331	1,313	45.5
Geelong .. .	942	1,125	1,130	1,178	1,144	1,332	1,341	1,354	1,342	43.7
Warrnambool .. .	952	1,129	1,151	1,185	1,155	1,320	1,340	1,349	1,336	41.7
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	932	1,143	1,147	1,183	1,158	1,339	1,350	1,370	1,353	47.0
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane .. .	855	1,075	1,077	1,123	1,092	1,260	1,286	1,293	1,280	51.2
Toowoomba .. .	812	1,099	1,103	1,149	1,117	1,249	1,304	1,314	1,289	61.8
Rockhampton .. .	893	1,114	1,111	1,153	1,126	1,298	1,319	1,326	1,314	48.5
Townsville .. .	948	1,154	1,161	1,204	1,173	1,318	1,374	1,409	1,367	48.6
Bundaberg .. .	906	1,114	1,117	1,168	1,133	1,317	1,334	1,345	1,332	48.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	862	1,086	1,088	1,134	1,103	1,268	1,297	1,306	1,290	51.5
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide .. .	882	1,097	1,101	1,137	1,112	1,277	1,314	1,324	1,305	50.1
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo .. .	980	1,112	1,121	1,156	1,130	1,273	1,313	1,310	1,299	33.7
Port Pirie .. .	1,001	1,150	1,185	1,223	1,186	1,340	1,378	1,389	1,369	38.8
Mount Gambier .. .	930	1,077	1,089	1,124	1,097	1,256	1,279	1,308	1,281	40.6
Peterborough .. .	983	1,136	1,146	1,182	1,155	1,310	1,346	1,350	1,335	37.3
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	891	1,099	1,105	1,141	1,115	1,279	1,316	1,326	1,307	48.8
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle .. .	947	1,117	1,121	1,159	1,132	1,307	1,332	1,333	1,324	40.8
Kalgoorlie and Boulder .. .	1,102	1,254	1,275	1,312	1,280	1,423	1,459	1,468	1,450	33.2
Northam .. .	981	1,145	1,148	1,185	1,159	1,322	1,355	1,359	1,345	38.5
Bunbury .. .	975	1,128	1,132	1,171	1,144	1,300	1,339	1,344	1,328	37.8
Geraldton .. .	958	1,150	1,154	1,193	1,166	1,324	1,359	1,360	1,348	42.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	960	1,128	1,133	1,171	1,144	1,316	1,343	1,344	1,334	40.0
TASMANIA—										
Hobart .. .	914	1,168	1,169	1,203	1,180	1,358	1,397	1,492	1,416	63.2
Launceston .. .	905	1,126	1,135	1,170	1,144	1,292	1,319	1,452	1,354	60.4
Burnie .. .	942	1,138	1,144	1,179	1,134	1,289	1,307	1,444	1,347	53.3
Devonport .. .	930	1,145	1,149	1,182	1,159	1,294	1,308	1,443	1,348	55.2
Queenstown .. .	1,018	1,268	1,270	1,304	1,281	1,448	1,459	1,558	1,488	53.0
FIVE TOWNS (a) .. .	917	1,157	1,160	1,194	1,170	1,335	1,368	1,478	1,394	61.2
THIRTY TOWNS (a) .. .	922	1,123	1,132	1,171	1,142	1,314	1,333	1,354	1,334	46.9
SIX CAPITALS (a) .. .	918	1,119	1,129	1,167	1,138	1,312	1,329	1,350	1,330	47.1
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b) .. .	948	1,133	1,147	1,186	1,155	1,347	1,384	1,383	1,371	45.9
Yallourn (V.) (b) .. .	991	1,124	1,132	1,181	1,146	1,314	1,319	1,350	1,328	36.2
Warwick (Q.) (b) .. .	851	1,102	1,104	1,144	1,117	1,252	1,303	1,315	1,290	54.5
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b) .. .	994	1,137	1,166	1,195	1,166	1,331	1,379	1,379	1,369	38.7
Whyalla (S.A.) (b) .. .	(c)	1,189	1,193	1,225	1,202	1,355	1,427	1,395	1,392	(c)
Rosebery (T.) (b) .. .	1,028	1,251	1,251	1,286	1,263	1,415	1,473	1,532	1,473	49.0
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) .. .	1,046	1,181	1,194	1,233	1,203	1,361	1,427	1,443	1,410	38.0

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available.

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.(a)

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1947.	1948.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney ..	913	1,144	1,142	1,165	1,212	1,318	1,242	1,270	1,305	1,337	1,359	
Newcastle ..	877	1,094	1,100	1,119	1,167	1,279	1,199	1,233	1,263	1,296	1,324	
Broken Hill ..	940	1,179	1,192	1,216	1,257	1,376	1,298	1,324	1,364	1,396	1,419	
Goulburn ..	893	1,118	1,114	1,134	1,177	1,291	1,211	1,243	1,271	1,309	1,341	
Bathurst ..	860	1,088	1,091	1,116	1,162	1,277	1,196	1,229	1,263	1,298	1,318	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	1,140	1,139	1,162	1,208	1,315	1,239	1,267	1,302	1,334	1,357	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne ..	896	1,135	1,135	1,149	1,188	1,294	1,227	1,249	1,272	1,309	1,345	
Ballarat ..	850	1,083	1,086	1,094	1,132	1,243	1,170	1,199	1,222	1,256	1,294	
Bendigo ..	854	1,101	1,099	1,107	1,141	1,244	1,177	1,206	1,222	1,256	1,290	
Geelong ..	884	1,112	1,113	1,124	1,170	1,278	1,203	1,233	1,256	1,296	1,325	
Warrnambool ..	892	1,129	1,139	1,153	1,186	1,283	1,219	1,240	1,266	1,297	1,329	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	1,131	1,131	1,145	1,184	1,290	1,223	1,246	1,268	1,305	1,341	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane ..	852	1,071	1,072	1,093	1,137	1,241	1,163	1,193	1,227	1,251	1,291	
Toowoomba ..	843	1,085	1,087	1,107	1,152	1,246	1,175	1,199	1,232	1,260	1,292	
Rockhampton ..	853	1,074	1,079	1,096	1,140	1,241	1,163	1,191	1,225	1,259	1,290	
Townsville ..	902	1,117	1,114	1,136	1,181	1,282	1,201	1,230	1,263	1,300	1,335	
Bundaberg ..	831	1,057	1,054	1,074	1,115	1,221	1,132	1,165	1,203	1,241	1,276	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	1,075	1,075	1,097	1,140	1,244	1,165	1,195	1,229	1,256	1,294	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide ..	888	1,098	1,102	1,120	1,165	1,277	1,198	1,226	1,262	1,293	1,327	
Kadina, &c. ..	786	995	999	1,020	1,067	1,166	1,095	1,124	1,150	1,181	1,207	
Port Pirie ..	868	1,081	1,085	1,108	1,152	1,260	1,185	1,215	1,244	1,273	1,308	
Mount Gambier ..	849	1,064	1,070	1,093	1,134	1,235	1,163	1,197	1,223	1,250	1,271	
Peterborough ..	868	1,087	1,093	1,108	1,152	1,253	1,181	1,213	1,238	1,266	1,295	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	1,093	1,098	1,116	1,160	1,272	1,193	1,222	1,257	1,288	1,321	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c. ..	882	1,105	1,107	1,127	1,161	1,264	1,189	1,221	1,238	1,282	1,316	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,199	1,202	1,223	1,265	1,368	1,297	1,331	1,342	1,383	1,415	
Northam ..	900	1,113	1,113	1,133	1,171	1,272	1,200	1,227	1,248	1,289	1,322	
Bunbury ..	914	1,110	1,115	1,136	1,173	1,277	1,201	1,232	1,249	1,288	1,327	
Geraldton ..	957	1,176	1,170	1,187	1,221	1,327	1,251	1,280	1,300	1,344	1,388	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	1,113	1,116	1,136	1,170	1,273	1,199	1,230	1,247	1,291	1,325	
 TASMANIA—												
Hobart ..	887	1,105	1,107	1,138	1,178	1,292	1,216	1,240	1,276	1,307	1,344	
Launceston ..	872	1,067	1,072	1,099	1,147	1,254	1,183	1,208	1,241	1,267	1,301	
Burnie ..	865	1,065	1,063	1,093	1,132	1,232	1,167	1,188	1,218	1,243	1,279	
Devonport ..	848	1,040	1,045	1,079	1,119	1,220	1,149	1,172	1,213	1,237	1,259	
Queenstown ..	875	1,102	1,110	1,139	1,179	1,280	1,213	1,237	1,267	1,292	1,325	
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	1,089	1,092	1,121	1,164	1,274	1,201	1,225	1,260	1,288	1,324	
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..												
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	1,126	1,126	1,145	1,188	1,295	1,221	1,248	1,278	1,311	1,341	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	800	1,061	1,064	1,087	1,138	1,234	1,164	1,185	1,220	1,249	1,282	
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	1,076	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,267	1,192	1,221	1,253	1,280	1,313	
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..	966	1,153	1,149	1,170	1,210	1,327	1,249	1,280	1,313	1,341	1,375	

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Weighted Average.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Group Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

(Base of Each Group : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms). (b)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (c) . . .	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (c) . . .	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (c) . . .	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (c) . . .	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (c) . . .	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (c) . . .	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (c) . . .	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (c) . . .	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (c) . . .	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923 . . .	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924 . . .	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925 . . .	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926 . . .	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927 . . .	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928 . . .	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929 . . .	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930 . . .	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931 . . .	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932 . . .	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933 . . .	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934 . . .	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935 . . .	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936 . . .	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937 . . .	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938 . . .	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939 . . .	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940 . . .	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941 . . .	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942 . . .	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943 . . .	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944 . . .	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
1945 . . .	1,034	975	1,009	1,425	1,161	1,128
1946 . . .	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947 . . .	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,199	1,188
1948 . . .	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,257	1,295
Quarter—						
1939—September . . .	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—September . . .	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
1946—September . . .	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
1947—June . . .	1,088	976	1,042	1,534	1,184	1,174
September . . .	1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,192
December . . .	1,138	977	1,073	1,639	1,217	1,221
1948—March . . .	1,190	978	1,105	1,661	1,231	1,248
June . . .	1,229	979	1,129	1,720	1,248	1,278
September . . .	1,274	979	1,156	1,778	1,271	1,311
December . . .	1,330	980	1,190	1,818	1,277	1,341

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000. (b) Rent.—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of pence. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of Labour Report No. 35). (c) November.

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1948 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Retail Prices and House Rents.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—					d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.87	6.87	7.37	7.00	6.86	7.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	7.50	7.50	8.00	7.50	7.50	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	6.01	6.05	6.10	6.39	6.45	6.53	6.14	6.14	6.14	6.00	6.40	6.40	5.80	5.80	5.80
" self-rising ..	"	10.60	10.60	10.65	10.71	10.71	10.71	9.64	9.64	9.64	11.50	11.70	11.80	11.20	11.30	11.50
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.86	33.86	33.86	33.60	33.60	33.60	33.60	33.60	33.60
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.75	4.75	4.75
Sago ..	"	16.05	15.65	15.65	16.08	16.08	15.75	16.93	16.93	16.93	17.00	16.60	16.40	16.10	15.90	16.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.36	18.36	18.36	17.86	17.86	17.86	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.30	18.30	18.30
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.10	8.10	8.10	9.00	9.00	9.14	10.07	10.07	10.07	9.30	9.30	9.30	9.10	9.10	9.10
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.21	5.21	5.29	5.13	5.13	5.00	6.19	6.35	6.08	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.06	5.06	5.06
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.43	16.52	16.65	17.00	17.00	16.80	16.43	16.43	16.43	17.13	17.13	17.13	17.25	17.00	16.83
Currants ..	"	12.56	12.72	12.72	12.92	12.92	13.00	12.86	12.93	13.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.63	12.63	12.50
Apricots, dried ..	"	25.13	25.13	25.13	24.50	24.50	24.50	26.29	26.29	26.29	26.83	26.33	26.33	25.17	25.17	25.17
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.86	19.86	19.86	20.50	20.70	20.70	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.38	20.38	20.50
Pears, canned ..	"	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	21.17	21.17	21.17	21.40	21.40	21.50	21.00	21.50	21.25
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.50	21.00	10.42	21.00	21.00	13.56	23.29	24.79	11.00	13.60	24.40	10.94	17.75	24.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.92	3.42	3.42	3.50	3.50	3.43	3.29	3.29	3.29	3.30	3.40	3.60	3.90	4.00	4.00
Soap ..	"	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.59	9.59	9.67	10.95	10.86	10.86	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.00	10.00	10.00
Kerosene ..	quart	6.82	6.71	6.73	7.33	7.33	7.58	7.77	7.72	7.72	7.43	7.40	7.40	7.18	7.18	7.18
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	26.30	26.40	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	19.36	19.21	19.36	19.58	19.58	19.58	20.57	20.71	20.71	20.10	20.10	20.10	20.20	20.20	20.20
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	31.45	31.45	34.50	31.50	31.50	34.50	34.64	34.79	34.93	31.30	31.30	34.50	31.50	31.50	34.50
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	34.35	31.40	30.95	33.93	33.33	31.21	31.00	33.93	33.71	34.30	33.60	32.90	34.50	31.25	30.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.43	12.43	12.71	13.07	13.07	13.07	13.10	13.10	13.10	13.00	13.00	13.00
" fresh ..	quart	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	9.00	9.50	9.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	15.50	16.95	16.95	15.67	16.83	17.08	19.00	19.00	19.00	14.63	14.75	15.20	13.80	14.30	14.80
" rib ..	"	8.50	10.00	10.00	8.60	10.00	10.20	17.86	17.86	17.86	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.50	10.25	10.25
" steak, rump ..	"	26.00	27.20	26.60	26.57	26.71	26.86	28.50	28.50	28.50	23.60	24.50	24.40	23.20	23.60	23.60
" chuck ..	"	10.50	12.00	12.00	10.86	12.00	12.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	11.00	12.00	12.00	11.20	11.60	11.60
" sausages ..	"	11.20	12.00	12.00	12.17	12.00	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.14	10.40	11.25	11.40	11.00	11.40	11.40
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.50	14.00	14.00	13.29	14.29	14.29	18.00	18.00	18.00	12.80	13.50	14.00	13.00	13.50	13.50
brisket ..	"	9.50	11.00	11.00	10.29	11.29	11.29	16.00	16.07	16.00	11.30	12.50	12.60	11.50	11.80	11.80
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	11.00	11.20	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.70	13.50	14.00	13.63	13.00	13.25
" forequarter ..	"	7.50	6.50	6.50	7.40	6.80	6.90	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.80	7.25	7.82	8.25	7.38	7.38
" loin ..	"	15.00	13.00	13.00	14.80	13.20	13.40	14.86	14.86	14.79	14.88	14.50	13.67	13.00	12.63	12.63
" chops, loin ..	"	16.50	14.00	14.00	16.00	14.00	14.20	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.13	14.50	14.67	13.50	12.88	13.13
" leg ..	"	16.30	13.90	13.90	15.30	14.00	14.20	15.64	15.64	15.64	15.88	14.50	14.67	13.75	13.25	13.25
Pork, leg ..	"	24.57	24.38	25.00	22.20	25.00	26.50	18.36	21.86	23.57	19.75	19.75	20.50	18.00	18.80	18.80
" loin ..	"	25.43	24.88	25.67	22.70	25.00	26.50	17.79	21.71	23.57	20.38	20.50	21.25	19.10	19.40	19.40
" chops ..	"	26.14	25.75	26.22	23.10	25.17	26.67	20.43	24.57	26.57	20.88	21.25	22.00	20.30	20.60	20.60
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	282.88	..	244.18	..	..	192.37	..	..	223.15	..	..	212.56	..		

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 91.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1948; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.60	5.60	5.65	5.64	5.64	5.64	5.86	5.86	5.93	5.50	5.50	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80	5.80
Tea, self-raising ..	lb.	9.05	9.05	9.10	9.43	9.50	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.10	9.10	9.20	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Sugar ..	" ..	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.94	4.94	4.92	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.87	4.87	4.87	4.87
Sago ..	" ..	15.61	15.50	15.39	15.50	15.33	15.42	15.79	15.79	15.36	15.80	15.60	15.60	15.90	15.80	15.80	15.80
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	16.10	16.10	16.05	16.43	16.50	16.50	15.93	15.93	15.79	16.30	16.20	16.20	16.90	16.90	16.90	16.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.88	9.88	9.75	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.80	9.80	9.80	9.80
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.75	4.75	4.79	5.05	4.75	4.85	5.21	5.21	5.29	4.80	4.80	4.80	5.13	5.19	5.19	5.19
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.25	16.10	15.95	15.70	15.90	16.00	15.97	16.06	16.39	15.63	15.63	16.13	16.80	17.20	17.20	17.20
Currants ..	"	12.44	12.31	12.38	12.36	12.36	12.21	12.57	12.50	12.50	12.30	12.30	12.40	12.60	12.60	12.60	12.60
Apricots, dried ..	"	23.50	23.50	23.50	25.00	25.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	22.83	22.83	22.83	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	17.75	17.75	17.80	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.57	18.57	18.57	17.80	17.90	17.90	18.80	19.10	19.10	19.10
Pears, canned ..	"	19.00	19.00	19.05	19.75	19.75	19.75	19.71	19.71	19.71	19.10	19.10	19.20	20.20	20.40	20.40	20.40
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	16.68	17.40	19.80	15.56	17.83	22.69	13.94	17.68	21.03	15.54	16.80	19.32	16.80	16.80	17.85	17.85
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.08	2.29	2.36	2.50	2.57	2.64	2.57	2.64	2.64	2.00	2.00	2.10	2.08	2.30	2.40	2.40
Soap ..	" ..	10.67	10.60	10.60	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.28	10.28	10.28	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.65	10.65	10.65	10.65
Kerosene ..	quart	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.61	6.55	6.57	7.16	7.14	7.14	6.43	6.43	6.43	7.20	7.15	7.23	7.23
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.25	26.25	26.25	26.36	26.36	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	" ..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.21	18.21	18.21	19.17	19.17	19.33	18.20	18.20	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75	18.75
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	31.80	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00	32.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	35.67	35.78	34.11	34.57	35.57	34.00	35.29	35.93	35.50	34.70	35.90	34.00	35.20	36.20	34.30	34.30
Milk, condensed ..	tin	12.95	12.95	13.00	13.14	13.21	13.29	13.21	13.21	13.21	12.80	12.80	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.30
" fresh ..	quart	9.90	9.90	9.90	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.60	9.60	8.63	8.63	8.63	8.63	8.63
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	15.85	16.95	17.30	15.43	17.00	17.00	14.57	16.14	15.86	15.60	16.80	16.80	15.40	16.80	16.80	16.80
" rib ..	" ..	13.40	14.20	14.50	12.93	14.14	14.14	11.43	12.00	12.00	13.40	14.00	14.00	12.10	12.50	12.50	12.50
" steak, rump ..	" ..	24.60	25.85	25.85	24.00	25.43	25.50	21.57	22.57	22.57	24.40	25.20	25.20	21.60	22.90	22.90	22.90
" chuck ..	" ..	11.30	11.90	11.90	11.00	12.00	12.00	10.64	11.43	11.43	11.40	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.80	11.80	11.80
" sausages ..	" ..	9.95	10.85	10.75	10.00	11.00	9.43	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.80	10.80	10.40	11.20	11.20	11.20	11.20
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	" ..	14.75	16.00	16.20	14.50	16.14	16.14	13.29	14.29	14.29	14.90	16.00	16.00	14.20	15.20	15.20	15.20
" brisket ..	" ..	9.94	10.67	10.67	9.14	10.00	10.00	9.57	10.00	10.00	9.60	10.40	10.40	10.20	11.20	11.00	11.00
Mutton, leg ..	" ..	13.88	13.25	13.25	14.00	13.14	13.14	13.36	12.86	12.86	14.40	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.20	13.20	13.20
" forequarter ..	" ..	8.13	7.19	7.19	8.14	6.29	6.29	7.71	6.43	6.43	8.40	6.80	6.80	8.80	7.60	7.60	7.60
" loin ..	" ..	12.38	11.88	11.88	12.00	11.14	11.14	11.86	11.43	11.43	12.00	11.40	11.40	12.00	11.40	11.40	11.40
" chops, loin ..	" ..	13.25	12.50	12.38	13.14	12.29	12.29	12.57	12.14	12.14	13.20	12.40	12.40	13.00	12.60	12.80	12.80
Pork, leg ..	" ..	22.00	22.00	24.57	19.00	20.00	20.00	16.90	16.90	17.00	20.60	21.20	21.20	18.50	24.00	24.00	24.00
" loin ..	" ..	22.57	23.17	25.29	19.33	19.33	19.33	17.70	17.70	17.80	21.40	21.60	19.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
" chops ..	" ..	23.14	23.85	26.14	20.67	20.67	18.90	18.90	19.00	22.40	23.40	22.60	19.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms ..	262.70	..	..	181.63	..	..	187.68	..	..	239.78	..	..	234.94	..		

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 91.

Retail Prices and House Rents.

QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.25	7.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	7.75	7.75	8.00	8.00	8.45	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.36	5.41	5.41	5.14	5.14	5.43	6.57	6.57	6.57	6.00	6.00	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80
self-raising ..	"	11.23	11.23	11.23	11.67	12.17	12.42	12.07	12.07	12.07	12.50	12.70	12.70	11.75	12.20	12.20
Tea ..	lb.	32.95	33.00	33.00	33.64	33.64	33.64	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.10	34.10	34.10	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar ..	"	4.46	4.46	4.46	4.68	4.68	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.64	5.58	5.58	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47
Sago ..	"	15.75	15.65	15.45	15.43	15.36	15.36	15.43	15.43	15.43	16.25	16.75	16.75	16.40	16.30	15.60
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	15.73	15.73	15.64	16.64	16.64	16.64	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.40	17.60	17.80	16.20	16.20	16.20
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.05	8.14	8.64	8.64	8.71	9.21	9.21	9.21	9.50	9.70	9.70	8.40	8.40	8.40
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.17	16.14	16.25	14.38	16.25	16.36	16.36	16.36	16.75	17.80	17.80	16.25	16.50	16.50	16.50
Currants ..	"	12.42	13.42	13.64	13.58	13.64	13.64	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.10	13.20	13.20
Apricots, dried ..	"	23.30	23.30	23.30	24.05	24.05	24.05	24.00	24.00	24.00	23.50	23.50	23.50	22.05	22.05	22.05
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.50	21.83	22.00	21.36	21.36	21.36	22.00	21.90	22.10	21.25	21.50	21.50
Pears, canned ..	"	21.50	21.50	21.50	18.00	18.00	18.00	22.29	22.29	22.36	22.90	22.80	22.80	22.00	22.67	22.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	17.55	21.00	21.00	10.71	20.93	20.93	20.93	20.93	20.93	10.80	20.60	27.40	20.80	20.80	20.80
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.55	2.45	2.64	2.64	2.36	2.43	2.71	2.21	2.29	3.10	3.00	3.20	2.20	2.24	2.24
Soap ..	"	9.94	9.94	9.91	10.62	10.62	10.62	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.20	10.20	10.13
Kerosene ..	quart	6.20	6.20	6.20	6.90	6.90	7.49	7.49	7.49	6.83	6.83	6.83	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.65
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.93	25.93	25.93	27.90	27.90	27.90	25.70	25.70	25.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.41	17.41	17.50	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.93	17.93	17.93	19.50	19.50	19.50	17.80	17.80	17.80
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	30.00	30.00	30.00	27.50	27.50	28.00	25.71	25.86	27.29	27.50	28.00	30.00	22.40	23.70	25.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	28.77	27.50	27.45	28.29	28.14	27.71	28.93	28.50	28.36	28.10	29.90	29.40	28.00	27.50	27.20
Milk, condensed ..	tin	12.59	12.64	12.68	12.93	12.93	13.00	13.20	13.29	13.29	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.00	13.00	12.80
" fresh ..	quart	8.55	8.55	8.55	8.36	8.57	8.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.60	10.70	10.70	9.00	9.00	9.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	15.50	17.00	17.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	15.50	17.00	17.00	16.00	17.50	17.50	16.00	17.40	17.40
" rib ..	"	8.06	9.45	9.50	8.50	10.00	10.00	8.00	9.50	9.50	8.50	10.00	8.50	10.00	10.00	10.00
" steak, rump ..	"	20.00	21.50	21.50	20.00	21.50	21.50	17.50	19.00	19.00	17.80	19.50	19.50	18.00	19.40	19.40
" chuck ..	"	9.60	10.50	10.50	9.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.70	11.50	11.50
" sausages ..	"	10.00	10.61	10.67	10.00	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.90	11.00	11.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.60	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.50	14.50	12.50	14.00	14.00	12.00	13.50	13.50	13.00	14.50	14.50
" brisket ..	"	9.60	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.64	12.64	10.00	10.70	10.70	12.00	13.00	13.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	12.60	12.10	12.20	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	12.50	12.50	14.00	13.50	13.50	14.80	14.50	14.50
" forequarter ..	"	8.05	7.50	7.61	9.00	8.50	8.50	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.90	8.50	8.50	11.20	10.50	10.50
" loin ..	"	11.89	11.28	11.44	12.00	11.50	11.50	12.00	11.50	12.00	11.50	12.00	11.50	14.60	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin ..	"	13.00	12.55	12.55	13.00	12.50	13.00	12.50	13.00	12.50	12.00	11.50	11.50	15.20	14.50	14.50
" leg ..	"	12.61	12.11	12.28	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.00	12.50	12.50	13.60	13.50	13.50	15.10	14.50	14.50
Pork, leg ..	"	22.00	22.40	22.80	18.86	18.86	18.86	18.21	18.21	18.21	17.60	17.25	17.25	20.00	16.00	17.90
" loin ..	"	22.44	22.85	23.15	18.64	18.71	18.71	18.43	19.21	19.21	18.50	18.38	20.00	18.50	18.50	19.30
" chops ..	"	22.89	23.15	23.45	19.79	19.79	19.79	19.29	20.07	20.07	19.50	19.50	20.00	19.50	19.50	19.90
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	233.62	..	..	221.20	..	..	212.98	..	..	217.94	..	..	172.70	..	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 91.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIRIE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.			
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
Groceries, &c.—																	
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.28	7.28	7.28	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.50	5.50	5.55	5.50	5.50	5.57	5.64	5.64	5.64	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.25	6.25	6.25	
" self-raising ..	"	8.15	8.15	8.15	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.21	9.21	9.14	9.30	9.30	9.38	9.38	9.38	9.38	
Tea ..	lb.	33.10	33.10	33.10	33.75	33.75	33.75	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.40	33.40	33.40	34.00	34.00	34.00	
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.90	4.90	4.90	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Sago ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.65	16.93	16.79	16.50	17.67	17.67	17.42	17.13	17.13	17.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	17.45	17.45	17.50	17.93	17.93	17.93	17.93	17.93	17.93	18.30	18.30	18.40	18.38	18.38	18.38	
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.38	9.38	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.16	5.50	5.50	5.16	5.50	5.50	5.17	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.83	6.00	6.00	
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.42	16.42	16.55	16.06	16.06	16.64	16.58	16.58	16.58	16.25	16.25	16.25	
Currants ..	"	12.60	12.65	12.60	12.98	12.93	12.93	12.43	12.57	12.71	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.25	13.25	13.38	
Apricots, dried ..	"	24.43	24.43	24.56	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.10	26.10	26.10	24.20	24.20	24.20	24.00	24.00	24.00	
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	18.50	18.60	19.17	19.29	19.36	19.50	19.43	19.43	19.50	19.50	19.50	20.00	19.88	19.75	
Pears, canned ..	"	19.45	19.45	19.50	20.00	20.07	20.00	20.25	20.21	20.21	20.40	20.40	20.40	20.75	20.63	20.50	
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	18.04	21.00	12.00	21.00	21.00	12.00	20.33	23.92	10.38	15.31	21.96	12.13	22.00	24.00	
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.83	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.57	3.57	3.43	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.13	3.13	3.13	
Soap ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.24	10.28	10.28	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.50	10.50	10.50	
Kerosene ..	quart	6.01	6.01	6.01	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.59	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.63	6.44	6.44	6.44	
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.43	26.43	26.43	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.94	16.94	16.94	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.20	18.40	18.40	17.00	17.00	17.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	31.44	31.44	31.45	22.00	22.00	22.00	21.83	22.17	22.17	17.60	18.00	20.60	22.00	22.00	22.00	
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	30.70	32.20	31.75	30.64	33.00	32.33	30.75	33.25	32.58	30.00	32.80	32.20	30.38	32.63	31.38	
Milk, condensed ..	tin	11.85	11.85	11.85	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.43	12.50	12.50	12.63	12.63	12.63	12.63	
" fresh ..	quart	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.45	15.50	15.50	13.93	14.57	14.86	13.64	14.36	14.79	14.20	14.40	15.50	14.17	14.83	14.83	
" rib ..	"	12.00	18.00	18.00	11.86	12.50	12.67	12.07	12.79	13.07	12.90	13.10	13.70	11.83	12.50	12.50	
" steak, rump ..	"	21.00	23.00	23.00	21.00	21.86	22.29	22.36	23.93	24.50	20.10	20.50	21.70	21.00	23.00	23.00	
" chuck ..	"	12.50	13.50	13.50	12.07	12.57	12.36	14.43	15.14	15.43	10.90	11.10	11.70	13.00	13.83	13.83	
" sausages ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.71	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.20	9.40	9.60	9.67	10.00	10.00	
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	13.50	15.00	15.05	13.50	14.21	14.64	14.00	15.07	15.43	13.00	13.50	14.40	13.00	14.83	14.83	
brisket ..	"	10.50	11.50	11.50	10.79	11.14	11.64	12.00	12.71	13.00	10.80	11.00	11.60	11.00	11.67	11.67	
Mutton, leg ..	"	13.00	12.10	12.00	12.86	12.57	12.29	13.29	12.57	12.00	12.70	12.50	12.10	13.00	12.00	12.00	
" forequarter ..	"	8.00	7.00	7.15	8.14	7.71	7.29	9.50	8.79	8.50	8.00	7.80	7.20	8.00	7.00	7.00	
" loin ..	"	11.90	10.55	10.55	11.50	11.29	10.07	13.36	12.50	12.21	11.40	11.00	10.30	13.00	10.50	10.50	
" chops, loin ..	"	13.00	11.50	11.50	13.14	12.57	11.93	14.43	13.43	13.14	12.20	11.60	10.80	13.00	11.50	11.50	
" leg ..	"	13.50	12.40	12.35	13.36	12.93	12.50	14.36	13.57	13.14	12.40	12.20	11.60	14.00	12.83	12.83	
Pork, leg ..	"	19.78	22.07	22.43	15.71	15.71	16.14	17.43	17.67	17.67	16.40	17.20	17.00	18.67	18.00	18.00	
" loin ..	"	20.17	23.21	23.50	16.07	16.07	16.36	17.57	17.75	17.75	16.80	17.40	17.10	18.67	18.00	18.00	
" chops ..	"	21.06	24.07	24.21	17.29	17.29	17.79	19.71	20.08	20.08	17.20	18.10	17.80	20.17	19.50	19.50	
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	244.07	102.31	178.62	180.63	191.64	..	

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 91.

Retail Prices and House Rents.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1948: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.50
Flour, ordinary	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, self-raising	"	10.45	10.45	10.45	11.50	11.86	11.86	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50
Tea	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.25	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sugar	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.86	5.17	5.13	5.00	5.00	5.00
Sago	"	15.10	15.05	15.05	18.57	18.00	18.07	15.38	15.38	15.38	16.63	17.13	17.13	18.00	17.00	17.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.13	20.13	20.13	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Golden syrup	2 lb.	9.00	9.13	9.00	10.50	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.00	10.00	10.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	5.75	5.75	5.94	6.70	6.75	6.75	6.13	6.38	6.38	6.67	6.67	6.67	6.25	6.25	6.25
Raisins, seeded	"	15.30	16.06	16.00	17.20	17.33	17.29	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.88	16.25	16.25	15.30	15.60	15.60
Currants	"	13.20	13.20	13.28	14.08	14.17	14.25	13.50	13.50	13.38	13.75	13.88	13.88	13.50	13.50	13.50
Apricots, dried	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.50	29.50	29.00	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50	29.50
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	20.56	20.75	21.00	22.25	22.50	23.07	21.88	21.88	22.00	21.50	22.00	22.25	21.75	21.67	22.00
Pears, canned	"	22.06	22.28	22.50	23.50	23.83	24.29	23.33	23.33	23.38	23.00	23.50	23.63	23.17	23.17	23.50
Potatoes	7 lb.	13.30	14.50	14.50	11.75	15.43	16.07	11.00	15.75	16.00	10.63	14.75	15.00	11.50	16.20	16.20
Onions, brown	lb.	4.00	4.00	3.50	4.14	4.07	4.07	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.50	4.50	4.33	4.50	4.50	3.50
Soap	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.67	10.67	10.67
Kerosene	quart	7.88	7.88	7.88	9.84	9.84	10.00	8.66	8.66	8.71	9.07	9.07	9.25	8.94	8.94	8.99
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	28.50	28.50	28.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Cheese, mild	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.50	19.75	19.75	19.75	20.00	19.75	19.50	19.50	19.50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	31.00	31.00	33.00	28.29	28.86	33.57	31.00	30.75	32.75	31.25	31.00	33.00	31.00	31.00	33.00
Bacon, rashers	lb.	29.00	30.45	30.45	30.08	31.64	31.64	29.50	30.88	31.25	29.33	31.33	31.33	29.70	31.50	31.50
Milk, condensed	tin	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.00	13.20	13.20
" fresh	quart	9.00	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.0	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.71	17.00	16.00	15.00	16.25	15.25	15.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	15.00
" rib	"	11.90	13.00	12.00	12.86	14.00	13.00	12.25	13.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00
" steak, rump	"	21.00	22.00	22.00	21.71	23.00	23.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	21.00	22.00	22.00	21.00	22.00	22.00
" chuck	"	12.00	13.00	13.00	12.71	14.00	14.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	12.00	13.00	13.00
" sausages	"	10.92	10.90	10.92	10.00	10.14	10.00	10.25	9.83	10.50	10.40	10.00	10.20	10.33	10.33	11.17
Beef (corned) silver-side	side	13.00	14.00	14.00	13.71	15.00	15.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	14.00	14.00
" brisket	"	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.71	12.00	11.00	10.00	10.75	10.00	9.80	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00
Mutton, leg	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.86	14.57	14.86	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" forequarter	"	8.00	7.00	7.00	9.00	8.14	8.14	8.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin	"	13.50	13.44	13.44	14.71	14.57	14.71	13.50	13.25	13.25	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" chops, loin	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.86	14.71	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" leg	"	13.10	13.00	13.00	14.29	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.33	13.67	13.67
Pork, leg	"	21.75	23.20	23.20	18.00	19.40	19.20	21.00	21.00	21.00	18.00	20.80	20.80	17.33	18.00	18.00
" loin	"	21.25	23.20	23.20	19.00	19.60	19.80	20.50	20.50	20.50	18.75	20.80	20.80	17.67	18.00	18.33
" chops	"	23.00	23.20	23.20	19.60	20.20	20.40	21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	20.80	20.80	18.00	18.33	18.67
House Rents (a)	4 and 5 Rooms	..	239.96	..	278.50	..	..	231.30	..	..	248.76	..	..	268.11	..	..

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936.

See also footnote (b), page 91.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1948: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.70	5.80	5.80	5.88	5.88	5.88
" self-raising ..	"	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.43	9.43	9.43	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.80	9.90	9.90	10.50	10.50	10.50
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.13	33.13	33.13
Sugar ..	"	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.55	4.55	4.75	4.75	4.75
Sago ..	"	15.60	15.75	15.69	16.14	16.14	16.14	15.80	15.80	15.80	16.10	16.10	16.10	16.25	16.75	16.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.93	13.00	13.00	13.20	13.20	13.20	13.88	13.88	13.88
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.42	8.79	8.93	8.33	8.90	8.90	8.00	9.00	9.00	8.25	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.67	10.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.04	5.04	5.04	4.58	4.83	4.83	4.88	4.88	4.88	5.25	5.25	5.25
Raisins, seeded ..	"	16.44	16.44	16.40	15.90	15.90	15.90	16.13	16.13	16.13	16.30	16.30	16.30	17.00	17.00	17.13
Currants ..	"	12.95	12.95	13.05	12.50	12.57	12.57	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.75	13.75	13.75
Apricots, dried ..	"	23.67	23.67	24.17	23.67	23.67	23.67	22.60	22.60	22.60	23.50	23.50	23.50	24.50	24.50	24.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	18.83	18.83	18.83	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.75	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50
Pears, canned ..	"	19.72	19.72	19.72	19.50	19.42	19.42	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.60	19.60	19.60	20.50	20.50	20.50
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	10.50	10.05	10.71	10.50	10.47	10.33	10.44	14.54	18.88	10.44	13.98	21.00	13.15	16.21	19.92
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.89	4.00	3.94	3.79	3.79	4.00	3.60	3.50	3.40	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.75	3.88	3.88
Soap ..	"	10.00	9.93	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
Kerosene ..	quart	8.94	9.10	8.84	8.64	8.43	7.93	7.93	7.93	7.93	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.27	9.19	9.27
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.50	18.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	33.44	29.50	34.50	33.17	29.50	34.33	33.44	29.33	34.50	33.44	29.50	34.50	35.00	30.50	36.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	32.89	33.56	33.44	32.00	32.71	33.71	31.00	33.00	33.00	31.00	33.00	33.00	29.88	32.25	33.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.90	13.00	13.00	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.50	13.50	13.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	9.00	7.60	7.67	9.00	7.50	7.50	8.50	7.50	8.50	8.50	13.25	13.25	13.25
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	16.65	17.55	23.11	15.43	15.43	21.50	15.00	15.00	22.00	15.00	15.00	22.00	15.83	15.83	23.00
" rib ..	"	15.06	15.28	20.50	13.21	13.36	19.67	14.00	14.00	19.00	14.00	14.00	19.00	14.83	14.83	20.00
" steak, rump ..	"	22.95	23.95	27.78	20.50	20.50	26.67	19.50	19.50	24.00	19.33	19.33	24.00	20.33	20.33	28.00
" chuck ..	"	15.35	16.05	17.89	13.71	13.71	16.83	13.00	13.00	17.00	13.00	13.00	16.00	15.88	15.88	18.33
" sausages ..	"	10.20	10.20	10.78	9.50	9.50	10.33	10.13	10.13	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	11.67	11.67	11.67
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	17.45	18.15	20.67	14.93	14.93	20.00	14.50	14.50	19.00	14.50	14.50	19.00	16.17	16.17	21.00
" brisket ..	"	14.65	15.60	17.67	13.00	13.00	17.00	13.00	13.00	16.00	13.00	13.00	16.00	14.67	14.67	17.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	15.40	15.40	16.00	14.14	14.14	14.83	14.00	14.00	15.00	14.17	14.17	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" forequarter ..	"	10.50	10.70	10.13	9.86	9.86	9.00	9.50	9.38	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.00	13.50	13.50	10.67
" loin ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.25	13.57	13.57	12.00	12.88	14.00	13.00	13.00	14.67	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chops, loin ..	"	15.50	15.45	15.88	13.79	13.79	14.83	14.00	14.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" leg ..	"	16.10	15.95	15.88	13.79	13.79	14.83	14.00	14.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Pork, leg ..	"	19.10	20.00	25.22	16.67	17.83	19.17	14.00	14.00	16.50	22.50	14.00	14.67	17.33	14.33	14.33
" loin ..	"	19.10	20.20	25.00	16.67	17.83	19.17	14.00	16.50	22.50	14.00	14.67	17.33	14.33	14.33	15.67
" chops ..	"	19.10	19.56	25.56	16.67	17.83	19.17	14.00	16.50	22.50	14.00	14.67	17.33	14.33	14.33	15.67
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	252.96	..	234.86	..	214.51	..	..	193.77	..	..	205.51	..		

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 91.

Section IX.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	...	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	...	1,044	1,409	1,229
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	...	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,043	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,055
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,707	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,627	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,656
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,382	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,259	1,726	1,967	2,560	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,262	2,062	1,950	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,163
1947..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,763	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,435	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 88 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated and comparative index-numbers back to 1936-37 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Tex- tiles.	Chem- icals.	Rubber and Hides.	Build- ing Ma- terials.	Food- stu- ffs and To- bacco.	Goods prin- cipally Im- ported. (a)	Goods prin- cipally Home Pro- duced.	All Groups.
1936-37	..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980 984
1937-38	..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000 1,005
1938-39	..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020 1,011
1941-42	..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123 1,242
1942-43	..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212 1,373
1943-44	..	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,824	1,217 1,396
1944-45	..	1,307	1,676	1,518	1,423	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,819	1,232 1,405
1945-46	..	1,302	1,561	1,518	1,416	1,398	1,766	1,348	1,782	1,257 1,412
1946-47	..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,402	1,313	1,802	1,380	1,768	1,288 1,429
1947-48	..	1,460	1,607	2,833	1,478	1,262	1,892	1,531	1,924	1,447 1,587
1945-46—										
July	..	1,305	1,609	1,502	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,347	1,793	1,259 1,417
August	..	1,303	1,609	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,349	1,797	1,259 1,418
September	..	1,303	1,566	1,508	1,410	1,398	1,758	1,353	1,791	1,257 1,415
October	..	1,303	1,566	1,489	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,348	1,802	1,249 1,411
November	..	1,303	1,566	1,496	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,332	1,778	1,246 1,404
December	..	1,303	1,566	1,507	1,417	1,398	1,758	1,328	1,778	1,244 1,402
January	..	1,302	1,566	1,511	1,417	1,398	1,762	1,331	1,783	1,244 1,403
February	..	1,302	1,566	1,515	1,417	1,398	1,769	1,328	1,768	1,249 1,403
March	..	1,300	1,566	1,515	1,418	1,398	1,769	1,348	1,786	1,257 1,418
April	..	1,300	1,519	1,540	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,370	1,773	1,274 1,420
May	..	1,300	1,519	1,579	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,370	1,774	1,275 1,421
June	..	1,300	1,519	1,544	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,367	1,766	1,275 1,419
1946-47—										
July	..	1,300	1,519	1,523	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,356	1,766	1,265 1,418
August	..	1,300	1,462	1,530	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,343	1,745	1,252 1,398
September	..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,340	1,743	1,262 1,404
October	..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,348	1,757	1,264 1,409
November	..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,379	1,787	1,275 1,428
December	..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,376	1,755	1,278 1,418
January	..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,371	1,750	1,282 1,420
February	..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,796	1,375	1,749	1,296 1,430
March	..	1,340	1,444	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,803	1,393	1,745	1,314 1,440
April	..	1,340	1,440	2,072	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,418	1,797	1,317 1,459
May	..	1,350	1,447	2,094	1,391	1,229	1,841	1,424	1,804	1,321 1,463
June	..	1,350	1,448	2,135	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,436	1,817	1,327 1,470
1947-48—										
July	..	1,353	1,519	2,129	1,412	1,149	1,845	1,438	1,831	1,335 1,481
August	..	1,353	1,536	2,423	1,412	1,149	1,847	1,439	1,857	1,340 1,492
September	..	1,358	1,578	2,515	1,424	1,216	1,847	1,452	1,890	1,350 1,509
October	..	1,359	1,578	2,582	1,434	1,216	1,855	1,484	1,922	1,366 1,529
November	..	1,392	1,578	2,806	1,434	1,296	1,894	1,514	1,947	1,401 1,562
December	..	1,510	1,632	2,795	1,434	1,294	1,902	1,537	1,954	1,453 1,601
January	..	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,529	1,307	1,908	1,567	1,928	1,499 1,625
February	..	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,529	1,315	1,916	1,588	1,933	1,518 1,639
March	..	1,514	1,654	2,991	1,529	1,266	1,912	1,588	1,950	1,512 1,640
April	..	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,265	1,916	1,589	1,952	1,513 1,642
May	..	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,929	1,588	1,959	1,532 1,658
June	..	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,938	1,588	1,960	1,541 1,664
1948-49—										
July	..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,942	1,611	2,000	1,570 1,696
August	..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,947	1,696	2,025	1,625 1,743
September	..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,956	1,687	2,017	1,636 1,748
October	..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,956	1,685	2,015	1,633 1,745
November	..	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,958	1,732	2,008	1,722 1,805
December	..	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,975	1,759	2,010	1,749 1,825

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.(a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,064
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1941-42	1,029	1,158	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,225	1,107
1942-43	1,185	1,273	1,175	1,225	1,249	1,199	1,225
1943-44	1,331	1,327	1,213	1,307	1,298	1,199	1,303
1944-45	1,636	1,320	1,200	1,407	1,367	1,205	1,399
1945-46	1,579	1,331	1,240	1,400	1,493	1,227	1,403
1946-47	1,754	1,786	1,313	1,686	1,752	1,234	1,679
1947-48(b)	(e) 2,235	2,628	1,427	(e) 2,261	(e) 1,827	1,234	(e) 2,196
1947-48—(b)							
July	1,848	1,967	1,316	1,802	1,775	1,234	1,784
August	1,845	2,262	1,311	1,934	1,776	1,234	1,899
September	1,858	2,311	1,311	1,961	1,816	1,234	1,924
October	1,856	2,417	1,311	2,008	1,824	1,234	1,965
November	1,865	2,614	1,388	2,116	2,072	1,234	2,063
December	(e) 2,490	2,614	1,496	(e) 2,358	2,072	1,234	(e) 2,278
January	2,500	2,859	1,496	2,474	2,072	1,234	(e)
February	2,508	2,958	1,496	2,521	2,095	1,234	2,381
March	2,512	2,810	1,496	2,456	2,105	1,234	2,423
April	2,508	2,761	1,496	2,432	2,129	1,234	2,368
May	2,514	2,884	1,496	2,490	2,151	1,234	2,348
June	2,514	3,081	1,508	2,581	2,162	1,234	2,420
1948-49—(b)							
July	2,524	3,007	1,610	2,571	2,184	1,234	2,492
August	2,528	3,054	1,731	2,617	2,269	1,234	2,514
September	2,528	3,102	1,731	2,639	2,316	1,234	2,534
October	2,524	2,931	1,753	2,564	2,409	1,234	2,470
November	2,522	3,218	1,753	2,693	2,469	1,234	2,587
December	2,271	3,439	1,796	2,713	2,467	1,234	2,605

(a) Year ended previous December.
(c) Revised.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Section: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000).

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tal- low.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Ex- clud- ing Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e) ..	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
(f) ..	49.06	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	
1936-37 ..	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,129	988	1,155	1,144
1937-38 ..	989	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	999	982	1,024	1,022
1938-39 ..	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	821	834
1941-42 ..	1,013	1,045	1,095	1,005	1,092	1,372	1,058	1,139	1,325	1,201	1,047	1,058
1942-43 ..	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137	1,142
1943-44 ..	1,165	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,207	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,169	1,171
1944-45 ..	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,218	1,715	1,281	1,447	1,471	1,204	1,304	1,298
1945-46 ..	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,234	2,130	1,374	1,519	1,519	1,223	1,476	1,460
1946-47 ..	1,690	3,046	1,734	3,076	3,395	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,344	1,223	2,065	2,007
1947-48 ..	2,901	4,192	1,935	3,723	1,464	3,203	1,566	3,607	3,643	1,223	2,969	2,848
1948-49—												
July ..	1,735	2,876	1,734	2,955	1,446	2,283	1,508	3,038	3,705	1,223	2,042	1,987
January ..	1,810	3,071	1,734	3,166	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	3,679	1,223	2,150	2,086
February ..	1,886	3,346	1,734	3,151	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	4,070	1,223	2,238	2,169
March ..	1,886	3,463	1,734	3,263	1,446	3,004	1,508	3,038	3,900	1,223	2,267	2,195
April ..	1,886	3,527	1,734	3,580	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,088	3,731	1,223	2,301	2,228
May ..	1,923	3,471	1,734	3,630	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,088	3,392	1,223	2,312	2,237
June ..	1,923	3,545	1,734	3,525	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,052	1,223	2,316	2,241
1949-50—												
July ..	1,923	3,676	1,734	3,515	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,221	1,223	2,339	2,264
August ..	2,376	3,790	1,734	3,493	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,582	2,489
September ..	2,451	3,861	1,734	3,523	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,038	3,366	1,223	2,634	2,537
October ..	2,564	3,815	1,734	3,584	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,692	2,592
November ..	2,866	3,829	2,035	3,557	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,877	2,765
December ..	2,866	4,013	2,035	3,589	1,446	3,004	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	2,914	2,798
January ..	3,243	4,274	2,035	3,685	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,165	3,033
February ..	3,394	4,461	2,035	3,621	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	4,043	1,223	3,272	3,131
March ..	3,168	4,558	2,035	3,789	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,873	1,223	3,190	3,055
April ..	3,002	4,597	2,035	4,021	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,834	1,223	3,177	3,043
May ..	3,281	4,719	2,035	4,055	1,554	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,300	3,157
June ..	3,583	4,712	2,035	4,246	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,460	3,307

(a) Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, spelter, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.
 (c) Sultanas, lexiyas, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (g) Revised.

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

Section X.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

(Base of each Section: Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (c)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(d) 1,000	(d) 1,000	(d) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,639	1,190	29.0
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,155	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946	1,862	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
1947	1,967	1,597	1,816	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,575	1,306	1.2
1948	2,245	1,601	1,982	2,637	1,913	2,148	..	..	..
Quarter—									
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.8
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,180	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,878	2,327	1,242	1.2
December	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1945.									
March	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March	1,853	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,259	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,299	1,776	1,902	2,378	1,250	1.4
December	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,918	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March	1,915	1,596	1,755	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527	1,307	1.4
June	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545	1,306	1.2
September	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,367	1,846	1,978	2,552	1,305	1.1
December	2,035	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,853	2,026	2,690	1,328	0.9
1948.									
March	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,343	0.9
June	2,197	1,600	1,953	2,600	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346	0.9
September	2,278	1,601	2,001	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,966	1,364	0.9
December	2,378	1,602	2,060	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,045	1,369	0.8

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000. (b) See footnote (b) on page 91. (c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index-number. (d) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1947.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,598,767	3,828,871
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,079	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,544,768	3,809,757
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,143,535	7,638,628
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	182,384
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.92	24.06
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	73,468
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.01	9.69
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	76,457
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.57	10.09
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1947-48.(b)
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	13,880
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	220,116
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	15.85
Oats—Area '000 acres	195	246	461	617	738	1,085	1,460	2,105
Yield '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	40,697
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	19.33
Barley—Area .. acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	883,569
Yield .. '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	20,857
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	24.87
Maize—Area .. acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,360	223,789
Yield .. '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	6,245
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	27.91
Hay—Area '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,970
Yield .. '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	3,008
Average yield tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.53
Potatoes—Area .. acres	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,655	130,468	149,144	145,111	99,324	145,629
Yield .. tons	(c) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	493,085
Average yield tons	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.39
Sugar-cane—Area (d) acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	254,564	222,491
Yield .. '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,418
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	19.86
Vineyards—Area .. acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	132,919
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	33,181
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(e) 15,519	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 81,890	49,714	62,412	(f) 97,290
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,165
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	13,785
Sheep ..	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	102,559
Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,255
Wool production (g) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	539,395	798,391	723,059	1,007,456	1,167,158	1,019,030
Butter	(h) 42,315	(i) 103,747	(i) 212,074	(i) 267,071	(i) 391,249	375,494	352,339	
Cheese	(h) 10,131	(i) 11,845	(i) 15,887	(i) 32,653	31,423	67,520	92,313	
Meat (j) ..	Beef and Veal tons							
Mutton and Lamb ..		(h)	(h)	(h)	(h)	339,495	349,835	533,502
Pork						218,381	307,277	294,934
Bacon and Ham ..		(h)	(i) 7,487	(i) 15,188	(i) 23,810	11,060	22,746	58,086
Total			(h)	(h)	(h)	608,196	31,751	42,464
Total net value of—						727,484	1,027,010	942,143
Pastoral production £'000								
Dairying production ..								
	29,538	(e) 39,256	(e) 36,800	(e) 72,883	(e) 119,399	43,025	85,358	(f) 130,207
						22,564	34,344	(f) 49,858
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1947.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	10,092
Silver and lead	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	14,330
Copper	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,687
Tin	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	1,026
Zinc .. .. ..	.. 3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	4,809	
Coal	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	14,481
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	52,790
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.	(h)	(h)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	1,050,157
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..						14,455	18,028	21,657
Hands employed .. No.						311,710	378,540	336,658
Wages paid .. £'000						27,528	68,051	55,932
Value of production						51,259	121,674	110,982
Total value of output						133,022	320,332	281,646
(a) At 31st December.	(b) Subject to revision.	(c) Partly estimated.	(d) Productive cane.					
(e) Gross value.	(f) 1946-47.	(g) In terms of greasy.	(h) Not available.	(i) Years ended December.				
(j) Bone-in Weight—in terms of fresh meat, bacon and ham—cured weight.				(k) Owing to variation in classification				
effective comparison is impossible.								

(a) At 31st December. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Productive cane. (e) Gross value. (f) 1946-47. (g) In terms of greasy. (h) Not available. (i) Years ended December. (j) Bone-in Weight—in terms of fresh meat, bacon and ham—cured weight. (k) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1947-48.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared	No. '000 tons	3,284 2,549	3,778 4,726	4,028 6,542	4,174 9,985	3,111 9,081	3,057 11,396	2,544 10,768
COMMERCE—								
Imports—Oversea	£'000 f.o.b.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,893	51,789	173,424
Per head	£	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/5/6
Exports—Oversea	£'000 f.o.b.	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977
Per head	£	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1
Total—Oversea trade	£'000 f.o.b.	54,008	70,398	88,353	140,490	221,740	160,193	342,401
Per head	£	23/16/0	22/0/6	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/18/7
Net Customs and Excise duties	£'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	55,551
Per head	£	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/6
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS (a)								
Wool—Quantity (b) '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	720,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	1,128,635
Value £'000 f.o.b.	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	148,738
Wheat—Quantity '000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	60,174
Value £'000 f.o.b.	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	52,813
Flour—Quantity								
'000 short tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	784
Value £'000 f.o.b.	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	31,823
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	184,774
Value £'000 f.o.b.	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	20,629
Hides and skins ..	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	12,347
Tallow Inedible ..	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	462
Meats ..	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	22,583
Timber (undressed) ..	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	1,414
Gold ..	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	3,831
Silver and lead ..	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	14,907
Copper ..	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	40
Coal ..	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	109
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,950	27,241	27,123
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	342,452
Gross revenue ..	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	76,268
Working expenses ..	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,948	29,818	28,142	51,043	71,211
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	93.37
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	(c) 990,067
Per head No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	(c) 123.60
Newspapers dealt with '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	177,974	(c) 210,343
Per head No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94	(c) 27.70
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (d)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(e) 214	197	167	158
Coin and bullion held ..	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,949	1,533	2,673
Advances ..	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	227,130	269,944	344,074
Deposits ..	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(f) 273,867	276,114	386,502	711,966
SAVINGS BANKS (g)—								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	681,818
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/3/11	89/3/6
					1921.	1931.	1941.	1946.
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools .. No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	(h) 8,271
Teachers ..	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	(h) 32,753
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	(h) 886,811
Average attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	732,116	(h) 731,960

(a) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. Australian currency values. (b) In terms of greasy. (c) 1946-47. (d) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (e) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (f) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (g) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (h) Subject to revision.